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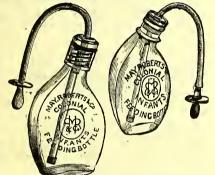
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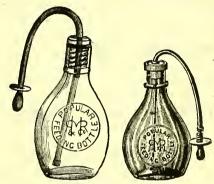
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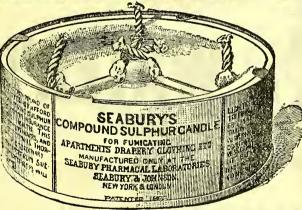
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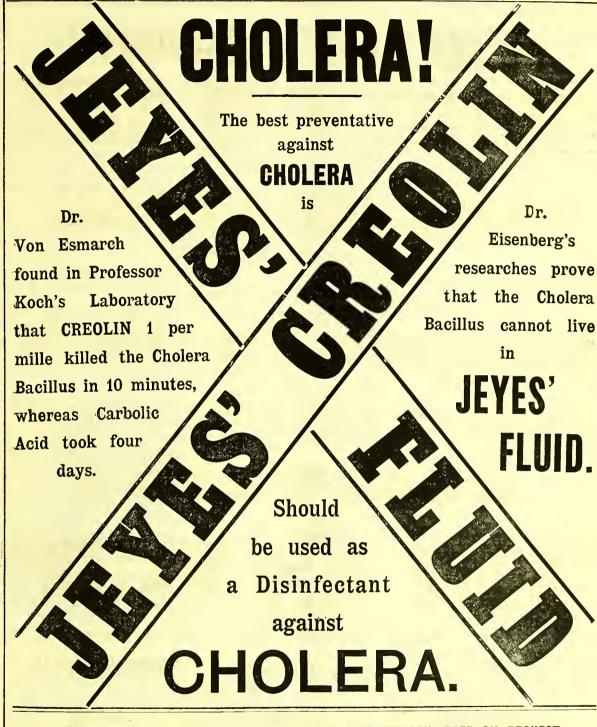
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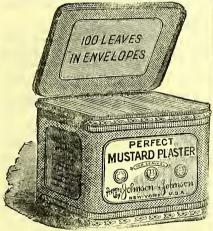
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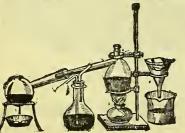
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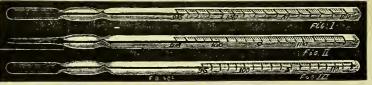
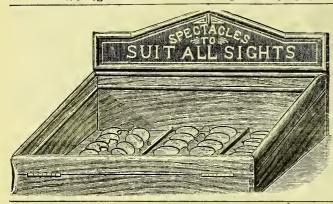


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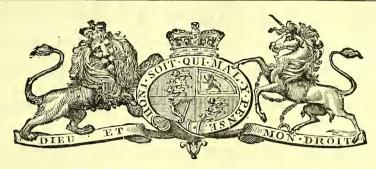
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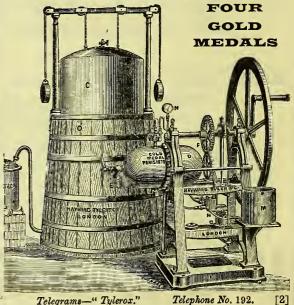
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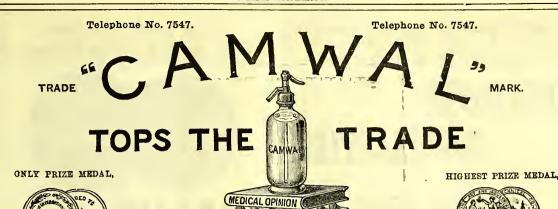
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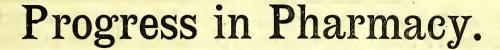
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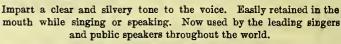
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### EDUCATIONAL.

The next issue of The Chemist and Druggist will be the annual Educational number. The editor desires to make the information regarding local facilities for pharmaceutical education in provincial towns as complete as possible, and he would be obliged if secretaries of associations or schools would send particulars of such facilities by Monday first.

The publisher also wishes it to be known that this issue provides an opportunity for enterprising firms directly addressing a class of buyers, such as directors of hospitals

chemical laboratories, and the like whose business is well worth cultivating. Advertisements should be received at the office not later than Tuesday next.

## Summary.

A VERY good collection of recipes is given in this number

No meeting of the Pharmaceutical Council was held this month.

An inquiry regarding Papier Fayard has elicited several practical replies.

WE give a list of the retiring members of the Irish Pharmaceutical Council.

WE give a summary of the Shop Hours Act, 1892, which came into force on September 1.

THE cholera scare, so far as this country is concerned, has abated, and our notes have shrunk accordingly.

WE are able this week to settle the question in regard to acetnm scillæ recently referred to by a correspondent.

A BIRMINGHAM drysalter has paid the Pharmaceutical Society 51. and expenses for having sold Cooper's sheep-dip.

In an Editorial Note we comment on the part played by the wholesale section in the proceedings of the British Pharmacentical Conference.

A DRUGGIST'S traveller in Liverpool has got six months' imprisonment for embezzling 7341, from his employer in the course of eighteen months.

In our Correspondence section "Molecule" defends his plan of campaign against our criticisms. Another chemist warmly supports him.

A FRENCH contributor communicates some noteworthy facts in regard to the capabilities of assistants to chemists in the South of France.

- SOME interesting analytical evidence in regard to salt in beer has been given by Dr. Attfield in a case under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act in Wales.

A NUMBER of Liverpool chemists have been found to be inadequately informed in reference to the Medicine-stamp Act, and have had to pay for their ignorance or carelessness.

A JAMAICA chemist sends us a short contribution giving a curious hint as to a simple means of getting quit of weevils, moths, and such-like objectionable visitors to druggists' stocks.

THE Irish Pharmaceutical Council are indignant with the Lord Lieutenant on account of the reduction by him of penalties imposed in the case of infringement of the Irish Pharmacy Act.

Some very interesting dispensing queries are discussed in onr Correspondence columns, and a settlement is desired on the question whether zinc-chloride injections should be sen out clear or milk-white.

FURTHER notes in reference to the estimation of morphia in laudanum are given in our Correspondence; and Mr. Gerrard makes an important correction in our report of his process for the estimation of grape-sugar.

THE General Order concerning the drawback on exported flavonring-essences and perfumed spirits has been issued by the Board of Inland Revenne this week, and is printed in full in this number. It grants practically all that has been asked for.

OUR drug-markets are fairly active this week. The principal movement has again been in articles nsed as cholera remedies or disinfectants, but there is every indication that the demand for these is on the wane, and that the high prices which held when the epidemic was expected to break out almost every day can no longer be maintained. Bleaching-powder is the only exception to this rule.

## English Rews.

### Chemical manufacturers' Scales.

The Secretary of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce has approached the Manchester Office of Weights and Measures with the inquiry whether scales and weights used for mixing purposes exclusively fall within that section of the Weights and Measures Act which enjoins absolute accuracy of the instruments used in the measuring and weighing of goods. "It is a fact," says the Secretary, "that weights and scales are extensively used in chemical-works for the simple purpose of mixing proportionate quantities of raw materials used in the various processes, and not in the weighing of goods sold; and that the manufacturers find it quite impracticable to keep their mixing scales and weights absolutely correct, in consequence of the corrosive action of the materials dealt with, but exactness in these operations is not requisite." The Weights and Measures Committee have promised to consider the matter.

### The Middlesborough Chemical-trade.

Messrs. Sadler & Co. (Limited), chemical-manufacturers, of Middlesborough, have issued their annual report and balance-sheet for the year ending June 30. The accounts show a credit balance of 13,103l. 17s. 1d., which has been applied in the following manner:—Interest on debentures and loans, 5,656l. 5s. 2d.; depreciation and renewals, 5,617l. 19s. 2d.; directors' (one-half of the amount voted) and auditors' fees, 650l.; balance to be carried forward, 1,179l. 12s. 9d. The directors say that the year has been marked by a very serious shrinkage in the prices of the company's products, with the exception of bichromes, which have now been put on a satisfactory and profitable footing by an arrangement amongst the English and foreign makers.

### Embezzlement by a Druggist's Traveller.

In the Liverpool Police Court, on September 2, before Mr. Kinghorn, depnty stipendiary magistrate, Reginald Malcolm Stuart Day, commercial traveller, was charged with embezzling several sums of money belonging to his employer, John Thompson, wholesale druggist, Hanover Street. Chief Inspector Marsh prosecuted on behalf of the police, and Mr. Neale appeared for the prisoner.

Mr. Marsh said that the prisoner was a traveller and collector for Mr. Thompson, and in these capacities had received certain sums of money from customers all over the country, which he had failed to hand over to his employer.

Henry Holland, a Middlewich chemist, stated that on March 14 prisoner called upon him, and received from him 74l. 2s. on Mr. Thompson's behalf. On June 13 witness further handed prisoner 56l. 6s.

William Gabites, chemist, of Upper Warwick Street, Liverpool, stated that he paid prisoner 141.5s.7d. for Mr. Thompson on May 23.

Isaac James Nicholson, Mr. Thompson's cashier, said that prisoner had received 250% a year with travelling expenses, and his duties had been to solicit orders and to collect accounts. On March 19 prisoner gave him a statement of the cash he said he had received during a journey he had just completed. The sums he had received from the witness Holland did not appear in the statement, and prisoner had made no explanation about it since. The same was the case with regard to the money paid by the witness Gabites. After the books had been made up and passed, prisoner had added entries which appeared to show that these snms and other sums had been properly accounted for. The total amount for which prisoner had not accounted was 734%.

In reply to questions from the Bench, Mr. Thompson now stated that prisoner had been in his employ for nine years. Up to two years ago he had well and efficiently discharged his duties. About eighteen months ago, however, he had taken to drink and loose company, and these had been the cause of his fall from rectitude.

Mr. Neale, for the prisoner, said that was so. Prisoner's prospects had been ruined by his conduct, and he (Mr. Neale) hoped that the Bench would take this fact and that

of his previons good character into consideration in passing sentence.

Mr. Kinghorn said he fully realised these facts. At the same time, he realised that it was the prisoner's previous good conduct that had gained him the responsible position which he had abused. He (Mr. Kinghorn) would not be doing his duty by society if he let it be supposed that previous good conduct and an expression of contrition freed persons from the results of such actions. Day must go to prison for six months.

### Helping Himself.

At the Edmonton Bench on September 1, Henry Frank Sugden, 42, a veterinary surgeon, of 33 Truro Road, Wood Green, was charged with stealing from 4 Commerce Road, Wood Green, a bottle containing oil of dill, value 2s, the property of James Celissier Douglas, chemist. Mr. Douglas said the defendant entered his shop with a friend on August 30, and the friend called for a "pick-me-np." He was supplied, and meanwhile the defendant conversed about drugs, and after a time went towards a cnpboard in which chiefly poisonons drugs were kept. Witness tried to stop him, and the prisoner caught him by the throat and forced him aside. The prisoner's friend said, "Don't choke the old chap," and the prisoner released him, took a bottle out of the cupboard, and left the shop. His friend called to him to restore the bottle, and afterwards promised witness to bring it back. Neither of the men, however, returned, but shortly after witness met the prisoner outside the Nightingale Hotel. He fetched a constable and gave him into custody. In cross-examination witness said he had known prisoner since last May, when he was introduced as the Hon. Henry Sugden, grandson of Lord St. Leonards. Since then prisoner had only made one purchase of witness, and that had never been paid for. The policeman said when he took been paid for. prisoner into custody he said, "I haven't got the bottle, and know nothing about it," but immediately afterwards produced the bottle from his pocket and offered it to prosecutor with the remark, "You sold it to me." The Chairman said the Bench were not satisfied that the prisoner intended stealing, and dismissed him. He added that it was a discredit to behave as the accused had done.

### Sheep dips are Chemists' Trade.

The Pharmaceutical Society is making a fair addition to its income out of the illegitimate traders at Birmingham. A local drysalter, to oblige a stranger, procured for him a packet of Cooper's sheep-dip. His amiability cost the obliger 5l., plns expenses.

### Stuck to his Uniform.

Walter Parker, a stableman, lately employed by the Wanga Company (Limited), which seems to be on the track of the Sequah Company, was charged before the Kingston-on-Thames Magistrates on September 2, with having stolen two uniforms and a pair of top-boots, value 141. 10s., the property of his employers. He had been discharged on the previous Saturday, and it was alleged that he had taken the things away with him. Detective Fuller stated that he arrested Parker in High Street, Barnet, on the previous day, when, in answer to the charge, he admitted that he took the uniforms away, but alleged that money was owing to him, and that he was going to take them back again. Witness produced a coat, vest, and hat, profusely adorned with gilt lace, which were found at the prisoner's lodgings, but the remainder of the uniform had not been discovered. Parker was in the Barnet Militia, and did not bear a very good character. Sentenced to a month's imprisonment with hard labour.

### Chemists and their Wives.

William Henry Denny, a retired chemist, living in the Barking Road, appeared at the West Ham Court on Monday to answer a charge of assanlting his wife. Mrs. Denny said she came home on Sunday, from her sister's, at about 11 P M. Her husband struck her in the face in the passage. They had been married over thirty years, and this assault was not the first by a hundred. Prisoner said that it was all through his wife having a man calling at the honse to take her for a walk. During the three years he had been out of business she had been going on like that. He wanted a

separation. The defendant was remanded for further evidence.

At Epsom Police Court, George Radeliffe Keeling, chemist, of Epsom, summened his wife, Ellen Elizabeth Keeling, for the discharge of an order made on May 12, 1830, at Epsom Petty Sessions, by which he was ordered to pay 30s. per week towards the support of his wife until such time as the order should be waived or discharged. Mr. Harte, for the plaintiff, applied for an adjournment. His principal witnesses, he said, were in Yorkshire. He also said he intended to take opinion of counsel whether it would not be wiser to withdraw the summons altogether and go into the Divorce Court. The Bench refused the application, and Mr. Harte thereupon withdraw the summons, and the Bench allowed the defendant 31. 3s. costs.

### His First Drunk.

Albert Lewis, 58, a travelling herbalist, who wore turban and white surplice and had a general Hindustaui appearance, admitted to the Loughborough Magistrates that he had been drunk in the market-place of that town, where, according to the police-officer, he had been selling some powder which was to heal all diseases. Albert was very repentant, and so disgusted with and ashamed of himself that the Alderman let him go on his promise to leave Loughborough.

### A Coroner who Knows the Law.

An inquest was held at Cambridge a few days since, respecting the death of a woman who had killed herself by taking laudanum, which she had bought from the shop of Mr. Deck. Mr. John Bonnett, Deputy Coroner, said there was one point upon which the jury might wish to be informed. He had himself seen the chemist who sold the laudanum to the deceased, and had suggested that the assistant who served Mrs. Wheal with the poison should be at the inquest. He was not, however, there. He (the Coroner) would like to inform the jury that by the Pharmacy Act it was unlawful for a chemist to sell a poison of that kind unless the bottle bore distinctly a label with the name of the article, the word "poison," and the name and address of the seller. On the bottle now produced he found the words, "Landanum. Poison. Arthur Deck, chemist, King's Parade, Cambridge," plainly printed. Therefore it had been a perfectly legal sale, as all the requirements of the Act had been comolied with. Laudanum was not a poison which necessitated en-tering the name of the purchaser in a book, but could be sold as it had been in this case. Therefore, he did not think it was necessary to adjourn the inquest for the purpose of summoning the chemist or his assistant to give evidence. He believed that everything had been done to make the sale a legal one.

### From Manchester.

Mr. Peter Allen, one of the proprietors of the Manchester Guardian and Manchester Evening News, who was buried in Prestwich Churchyard on Monday, was in early life connected with the drug-trade. He was for many years engaged with Messis. Gale, Baker & Warde, wholesale druggists, London.

Mr. G. W. Pratt, chemist and druggist, Manchester, has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. Barnaby as visiting apothecary at the Chorlton-on-Medlock Dispensary.

The next session of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Association is to commence on October 12. As in previous years the meetings will be held in the rooms of the Chemical Club at the Victoria Hotel. At present the membership is between seventy and eighty, and Mr. A. Blackburn, the hon. secretary (address, 7 Exchange Street, Manchester), asks us to say that he will be glad to hear from gentlemen who may be desirous of joining. In some previous years there has been a sad lack of papers to read and a still more sad lack of audience to read them to. Last session showed a considerable improvement in these two respects, and it is expected that a still greater advance will characterise the coming session. It appears that papers enough have been already promised to keep the Association going during the whole session.

. The valuable prizes offered by Mr. Wm. Stones, in the form of herbaria of medicinal plants, have not yet aroused the apprentices and assistants of Manchester and the district to any extraordinary display of activity. Only about a

dozen of them have entered for the prize competitions which were announced in this journal on August 6. The last date for receiving names is September 19. Students who still desire to compete should read the paragraph referred to on page 196 for particulars.

### An Analyst's Charges.

The South Stoneham Rural Sanitary Authority, at their last meeting, discussed the charges made by Mr. Angell, analyst, with respect to a repent inquiry at Eastleigh. Mr. Angell had sent in a bill for twenty guineas for services rendered in connection with the sewerage works. The charge was considered too high, and Mr. Angell was requested to send in particulars, which were read out at the present meeting. Mr. Harris said he thought it was money enough, and Mr Willmer said it was a great deal too much, while Mr. Culma-Seymour remarked that the charge for the analyses (seven guineas) seemed excessively high. Mr. Payne observed that it seemed to be a lncrative profession, but Dr. Pern observed that the charges for the analyses were the usual ones. After further discussion it was decided to pay the bill.

### A Grocer's Sixpennyworth.

A Blackburn grocer is determined not to be outdone by the prize-tea shops. He announces that for twenty-eight days he will sell  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. of tea for 6d, and will give with it "ten packets of blacklead, twelve boxes of matches, one tin of coffee, two baking-powders, and one tin of mustard." And he assures the editor of the *Grocer* that on this transaction he still has  $7\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. profit for himself.

### Pasteured Five Years Ago-Dead Now.

Two brothers were bitten by a mad dog at Amberworth, near Huddersfield, five years ago, and were treated by Pasteur a few days afterwards. Five weeks later one of them, Fred Lindley, died of hydrophobia. On Thursday last week, while going to work, the other brother, Herbert, aged 17, picked up a stone and threw it violently, explaining, when asked, that he felt a pricking sensation inside, just as he felt in Paris when operated upon. Throwing the stone, he said, had taken the sensation away. On Sunday he showed an aversion to liquids, and on Monday had a convulsion. He then suspected what was the matter, and told his parents not to bother: he was going to Herven to rest. He was removed to the infirmary and died there on Tuesday. The medical evidence given to the jury on Wednesday was that it was an undoubted case of hydrophobia, and a verdict was returned of death from hydrophobia, caused by the bite of a dog five years ago.

### October Examinations.

Candidates for the Minor and Major next month should note that, under the new regulations, applications and fees must be sent to Mr. Bremridge, 17 Bloomsbury Square, W.C., not later than September 16.

### Wine licences

have been granted to Mr. J. W. Aplin, chemist, Chislehurst; to Mr. Albert Archer, chemist, St. Mary Church, Torquay; to Mr. Arthur Ogleby, chemist, Barnsley; to Mr. Williams, chemist, Tunbridge Wells; to Mr. Aspinal, chemist, Wigan; and to Mr. H. Drewery, chemist, Wombwell. Mr. Crooke, Walsall Drug-stores, Park Street, Walsall, applied as the Brewster Sessions of that town for a licence to sell medicated wines to be consumed off the premises. The applicant being neither the owner nor the occupant of the premises, the application was not granted.

At the Todmorden Brewster Sessions, Mr. J. C. Stevenson, chemist, Todmorden, applied for an off spirit-licence for his premises at Pavement, in addition to the wine-licence he already holds. The Todmorden Band of Hope Union opposed the application, and, in order to get over a technical objection raised, the applicant's solicitor asked for an adjournment, which was granted until September 23.

PYTHON OIL.—The Sinhalese regard the oil which is obtained by boiling down the fat of the python snake as one of their most precious medicines.

## Frish Rews.

### The Council Election.

The following members of the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society retire by rotation next month, but are eligible for re-election, and will offer their services again:—George H. Grindley, M.P.S., Patrick Merrin, M.P.S., William Hayes, M.P.S., Samnel Gibson, R.D., Johnston Montgomery, M.P.S., Henry Conyngham, M.P.S., William F. Wells, jun., M.P.S. These, with the exception of Mr. Gibson, are all pharmacentical chemists. Candidates for the Conncil must be proposed and seconded by members or associates of the Society, and the names sent in to the Registrar not later than September 17. The election will take place at the annual general meeting, to be held on Monday, October 3, at 7.30 p.m.

### Perfecting the Evidence.

In the Dublin Police Courts on Taesday last, before Mr. Byrne, Q.C., Mr. Clay, solicitor for the Pharmaceutical Society, and Mr. Wylie, for Messrs. Samuel and Walter Boyd, attended by agreement to have the evidence taken in the late prosecutions for breaches of the Pharmacy Act on July 23 and 26 last placed in due form, with a view to any further steps which may be taken in the matter.

### Reported to the Council.

The Under-Secretary to the Lord Lientenant (Sir West Ridgeway) has reported the case of the sale of tartar emetic in mistake for tartaric acid by a chemist and druggist to the Council of the Pharmacentical Society. It is difficult to understand, however, what steps they can take in the matter. It will be remembered that the family of the Rev. Mr. Irwin, of Castlederg, sufered severely in consequence of the mistake, and that the child of a servant, born since its mother partook of the poison, has since died. The inquest on the child is adjourned till September 12, and it is then expected that the report of the analysis of the stomach and intestines will be submitted. The shopkeeper who is stated to have sold the poison is said to have been a chemist and druggist registered under the Pharmacy Act of 1830.

### Pharmaceutical Examinations.

Candidates for the Preliminary examination, to be held on Monday, October 3 next, are required to give seven clear days' notice of their intention to present themselves, and also must lodge the fee of 2?. 2s. prior to giving such notice.

Candidates for the Licence examination, to be held on October 5, 6, and 7 next, are required to give fourteen clear days' notice of presenting themselves, and send bankers' receipt that the fee of 5l. 5s. has been lodged to the credit of the Society.

### Registered Druggists' Examination.

At the examination held in Dublin on Thursday, September 1, the following were successful:—J. Crawford, W. K. Fayle, T. J. Jackson, J. O'Dea, R. J. Savage, E. H. Woods. Two candidates were rejected.

### Medicine Contracts.

The Board of Guardians of Dungannon Union have reappointed James Nithery, pharmacentical chemist, Dungannon, contractor for medicines and medical appliances, &c., to the workhouse hospital and various dispensaries of their districts,

The Boards of Guardians of the following Poor-law Unions and Dispensaries are open to receive tenders for the supply of drngs and medical necessaries. The tenders will be decided upon on the appended dates:—Balrothery Union, September 14; Navan Union, September 14; Limerick Union, September 14; Kells Union, September 17; Strokestown Union, September 23.

### Poisons in Workhouses.

A female nurse attached to the Macroom Workhouse is alleged to have administered iodine internally to a patient instead of externally as directed. The nurse says the patient took part of the iodine under the impression that it was a

cough-mixture. The Local Government Board, nnder whose notice the case has been brought, animadvert strongly on the stupidity of not keeping poisonous preparations in safe custody, and direct that in future similar compounds must be kept under lock and key. The case is likely to form the subject of a sworn inquiry.

### The Council-meeting.

At the monthly meeting of the Pharmaceutical Society held on Wednesday, September 7, sixty-five registered druggists were proposed and seconded by Messrs. Gibson and Boyd as associate members of the Society. Of this number six were objected to by various members of the Council as having been convicted of offences against the Pharmacy Act, and were accordingly rejected. Four others were also rejected for not having paid their fees; the remainder were elected. Mr. Wells proposed twenty pharmaceutical chemists and druggists for membership. Reports of the various prosecutions were placed before the Council, and it was annonneed in the case of the two penalties of 5½ each inflicted on Mr. Gorman, of Bangor, recently, that the Lord Lientenant and Privy Connoil had, on memorial, reduced each of the penalties to 1½. A letter of remonstrance was ordered to be sent to the Lord Lientenant, pointing ont the injustice and impropriety of such interference with the proper carrying-out of the law as laid down by Act of Parliament.

## Scotch Rews.

### Aloes for Gregory.

A young woman was admitted to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary at the end of last week who had taken a large dose of aloes in the belief that she was taking Gregory's powder. A few hours' treatment and the use of the stomach-pump sufficed to restore her. She had stolen the drug at a chemist's in the town.

### Edinburgh Pharmacy Athletic Club.

The third monthly golf-competition for the Dick Challenge medal took place on Saturday last, on the Braids course, in somewhat nnfavourable weather. Mr. J. P. Gibb was the winner, Mr. T. D. Burt being second.

### Well Chronicled.

Mr. Thomas Robinson's succession to Mr. Pottage's Glasgow business seems to have aroused the interest of the Glasgow press, the *Evening News* "Echoist" having startled the denizens of the St. Mungo by announcing a "miss of Pottage" in the next P.O. Directory: while the *Southern Press, Modern Church*, and *Scottish Pulpit* regard the event as one for sulogistic references to the new proprietor. Mr. Robinson is a Yorkshireman.

## French Pharmaceutical News.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

RELIGIOUS PHARMACY OR PHARMACEUTICAL RELIGION.—The French priests are admirable in their ingenuity, and they have quite a gift for knowing what is likely to take the public fancy. They have at times been prosecuted for the illegal sale of medicines, elixirs, and the like, and now, taking advantage of the fear of cholera which fills the minds of so many people at the present time, a religious newspaper inserts the following annonnement: "ANTICHOLERIC SCAPULARY.—These scapularies, on which are embroidered the likeness of the Virgin Mary, are marvellously effective in protecting the faithful against indisposition from cholera. They have also been blessed by our Holy Father the Pope. N.B.—The length of the material enables the scapulary to cover the stomach. Being placed on this part of the body diarrhea is immediately stopped. The anti-choleric scapularies may be obtained through the post by sending 4f. 50c. to Abbé G.—, retired Naval Chaplain, Tonlon (Var)."

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PHARMACISTS AND DOCTORS.— Referring to the paragraph under this heading in the "French Pharmaceutical News" of February 6 last, it is perhaps worth while recording that the St. Ettenne doctor has been acquitted of the charge of "poisoning by imprudence" that was brought against him. The medical experts laid do wn that it is difficult to precisely specify the limit at which nitrate of aconitine is dangerons. They found also that the aconitine delivered by the pharmacist was more poisonons than the official aconitine. The doctor was shown to be in the wong because he had given the deceased verbal instructions as to the manner the medicament was to be taken, but the patient, having been a herbalist, was held to be able to better understand the way medicine should be taken than an ordinary person. For these and various other reasons the doctor was acquitted, while part of the responsibility was saddled on the pharmacist.

HIGH RENTALS.—The rents of shops in Paris, especially in the very central quarters, are excessively high. One or two of the English pharmacists count amongst the largest rent-payers in proportion to the size of their premises. As already stated in The CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, the rent of a well-known pharmacy near the Place Vendôme is 1,000l. a year. A French firm of perfumers and soap-makers have, however, just opened a shop forming a corner to the Boulevards and the Place de l'Opéra, the rent of which is 2,400l. per annum. The premises are by no means large, and nothing is sold but the specialities of the house. Donbtless the position is looked upon as giving an excellent advertisement, and it is, perhaps, moderate at the price.

#### Foreign and Colonial Rews.

NEWFOUNDLAND COD LIVER OIL.—The Newfoundland Parliament has taken steps to encourage amongst the codfishing people the use of the Norwegian system for making the oil.

Succi's Succus.—Succi, who is fasting at Naples, sent samples of his "secret sustaining draught" to the Central Hygienic Office in Rome, asking to be allowed to sell it. The Hygienic Department has, however, declared that according to Italian law the mixture can only be sold by pharmacists upon medical prescription, as analysis has proved that it contains poisons.

U.S. TRADE-MARKS.—The following were registered at Washington on August 23:—"Pink-iron," for pills, by W. T. Hanson Company, Schmeetady, N.Y.; "Anti-dandruff," for a scalp-wash, by Lem. A. Smith, New York; "Worm Syrup," and a signature for the same, by Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Kingston, N.Y.; "Margnerite," for toilet preparations, by Margnerite V. Botts, Philadelphia; "Elixir of Bananas," on a label, for a constipation remedy, by W. F. Marris, Adrian, Ill.; "Dodd's Kidney Pills," on a label for the same, by J. A. McKee, Toronto; "Syrup Oatmeal Phosphate or Oatmeal Syrup," on a figure of a cask, for a phosphate beverage, by Rose Bros., Camden, Me.

ANTIPYRIN AND ITS OFFSPAING.—According to the *Pharmaceutische Leitung* a large number of antipyretics introduced during the last two or three years are simply more or less disguised forms of antifebrin. Tans "antikamnia" contains from 70 to 85 per cent. of antipyrin with 15 to 20 per cent. of bicarbonate of soda and traces of tartaric acid and caffein; "antinervin" is composed of antifebrin 50 per cent., salicylic acid 25 per cent. bromide of ammonium 25 per cent.; "exidyne" of antifebrin 90 per cent., ticarbonate of soda 5 per cent., salicylate of soda 5 per cent.; "phenolid" of antifebrin 50 per cent., bicarbonate of soda 50 per cent.; and "actikol" of antifebrin 75 per cent, bicarbonate of soda 17½ per cent., tartaric acid 7½ per cent.

THE DOCTOR WOULD NOT FIGHT.—On the occasion of the official inspection of a pharmacy in a large provincial town of Hnngary, one of the visiting inspectors, a physician, made some disparaging remarks on the fact that the pharmacist used business note-paper with the name of his firm printed upon it. The inspector appears to have regarded this as an advertisement unworthy of a professional man. The apotheker felt offended, and promptly sent his two assis-

tants as seconds with a challenge to the doctor's residence. The physician declined to fight a duel, on the ground that he had made the disparaging observation in the exercise of his public duty, and further brought a charge of breaking the peace against the pharmacist. The latter has taken out a cross-summons against the doctor for "insulting his honour."

PROPOSED HYGIENIC REFORMS IN TURKEY .- Dr. F. Zanni, a well-known Constantinople pharmacist, who will be remembered in pharmacentical circles as one of the chief participants in various international pharmaceutical congresses, has addressed a memorandum to the Turkish Minister of the Interior, in which he calls attention to the necessity for enlarging the powers and increasing the means at the disposal of the Upper Council of Hygiene, which was established in Turkey about eleven years ago. Mr. Zanni proposes the establishment of a new Department of Health, the head of which should be a hygienist of note, and have as his advisers a Board composed of the Director of the Imperial School of Medicine, the President of the Medical Society, the chief Sanitary Inspector, and several medical men, professors, and pharmacists. The new Department would have charge of the administration of the pharmacy laws, of the analysis of food and drngs for public purposes, and of the medical police. By way of inauguration of this new department, the Sultan, Dr. Zanni thinks, should decree an International Conference of Public Health and Hygiene to be held at Constantinople. Tais is a specimen of the questions which Dr. Zanni would have the Congress deliberate upon: "The creation of a system of control on the hygienic condition of each traveller on his arrival at the first frontier station of a country. Under this system any man who nndertakes a journey abroad would be obliged to carry a passport, certifying that he is not suffering from any disease, and stating the date of his last examination." We are afraid the century is a little too old for Dr. Zanni's

PRIZES FOR CHEMISTS .- The Industrial Society of Mulhonse (Alsace) has at its disposal several sums of money bequeathed to it by local manufacturers for the purpose of encouraging the improvement of Alsatian industries. Several of these prizes (which will be awarded in the course of 1893 and 1894) are for chemical subjects. Apparently, civizens of all nations are allowed to compete, and no special language in which papers must be written is indicated. Essays for the competition must be sent, before February 15 1893, to "M. Le Président de la Société Industrielle de Mulhouse." Among the prizes to be awarded are the following:-A medal of honour for the best paper on the chemical composition of the bodies created by the action of sulphuric or hydrochloric acid npon vegetable oils, especially olive and castor oils. A medal of hononr and a sum of 1,000f. for a substance which shall be able to replace, in the manufacture of dyed linen, the use of dry egg-alb men; the substitute must be procurable at a much lower price than egg albumen, and produce colours at least as fast as does the latter. A medal of honour and 5,000f. for a colourless blood-albumen which shall not be coloured by the action of steam. A silver medal for the best essay on the chemical changes which are caused in wool by the action upon it of hypochlorites, and of chlorine and its oxygen-compounds generally. A medal of honour for a theoretical and practical treatise on cochinealcarmine, showing whence arises the inferiority of the products obtained by methods indicated in handbooks of chemistry as compared with those actually sold in commerce, and indicating why the whole of the colouring-matter is not transformed, and should not be transformable into carmine. A medal of honour for the introduction of an artificial indigotin which shall be able to compete with natural indigo in all its applications.

THE CONSTITUENTS OF STROPHANTHUS—J. J. Hofman has obtained from green strophanthus-seed, by treatment with petroleum ether, 32 per cent. of a fatty oil. while the brown seed, treated in the same way, yielded 29 per cent. The specific gravities of these oils were 0 9125 and 0 9313, the iodine-absorption numbers (by Hübl's method) 83 and 96, the saponification numbers 183 and 193. The balk of the oil appears to consist of the ester of oleic acid. Of odorous fatty acid there were only very minnte traces present.

#### THE PERFUMERY DRAWBACK.

THE following is the text of the General Order authorising a drawback on perfumed spirits and spirituous flavouring essences when exported from the United Kingdom:—

GENERAL ORDER CONCERNING THE DRAWBACK ON EXPORTED FLAVOURING ESSENCES AND PERFUMES SPIRITS.

> Inland Revenue, Somerset House, London, W.C. August 30, 1892.

THE Lords Commissioners of her Majesty's Treasury having sanctioned the repayment of duty charged on the spirits used in the manufacture of flavouring essences and perfumed spirits exported by licensed rectifiers and compounders, when such essences are not made in bond,

It is ordered :-

1. That a rectifier, or compounder, intending to export flavouring essences or perfumed spirits on drawback, must comply with the following regulations:—

2. Twelve hours' notice must be given to the officer on

Form No. III.-5, prepared for the purpose.

3. The officer will attend at the notice hour and check the contents of the bottles with a suitably graduated measure to

be provided by the revenue.

4. The total quantity of flavouring essences or perfumed spirits in any one consignment for exportation examined at any one attendance of the officer must be not less than 2 bulk gallons, except under the special sanction of the Board, and subject, if so ordered, to a special charge for the attendance of the officer.

5. One sample out of every ten, or fraction of ten kinds, whether of essences or perfumed spirits, is, as a rule, to be taken by the officer. A larger proportion of samples may, however, be taken, should the officer in his disoretion think

it necessary.

6. The samples of flavouring essences are in all cases to be sent to the laboratory; but, usually, the strength of the samples of perfumed spirits shall be tested by the officer and

the samples returned at once to the exporter.

7. In cases of doubt, arising from any peculiarity of the perfumed spirits, suggesting that the hydrometer does not afford an accurate indication of the strength, a sample should be sent to the laboratory; and also in all cases where the strength found by the officer is less than that declared by the exporter by more than 2 per cent.

8. The quantity drawn for a sample to be sent to the laboratory is to be not less than 3 oz. of perfumed spirits and 1 gill of flavouring essences. The sample may be contained in, or taken from, separate bottles, but the contents of all the bottles mut be of the same strength. These samples are to be labelled with the name of the flavouring essences or perfumed spirits, and the original notice to export (Form III.—5) should be forwarded by the

first post to the laboratory.

9. The name of the particular flavouring essence or perfumed spirits must be stated on the label attached to each bottle, and every case must be branded or inscribed with a progressive number and distinguishing mark, the bulk gallons contained therein, the name of the person for whom the goods were bottled, or a special mark without a name, and the words "flavouring essences" or "perfumed spirits," as the case may be.

10. Every case after the bottles have been counted, the strengths ascertained by the hydrometer or samples taken for the laboratory, and the contents compared with the specification, must be packed, closed, and securely fastened with tape or wire at the trader's expense, and sealed by the officer

with a revenue seal.

11. There is no objection to the refilling of the bottles sampled with flavouring essences or perfumed spirits of the same kind and strength should the exporter so desire, or to the substitution of bottles already filled, labelled, &c., for packing, of similar kind, size, and strength.

12. The full particulars of the several cases, and the to all bulk gallons of each consignment, must be entered in an

opening in the survey book according to the following precedent:-

Number of carea	Marks on cases	Progressive numbers	Perfumed spirits	Content of six bottles to the thou- sandth part of a gallon	Number of dozens of bottles of cach size in each case	Quantity in bulk gallons	Declared strength in terms of proof	Strength of spirits as found at the labora- tory, or by the officer	Proof gallons

13. The officer should certify, at foot of the notice (Form III.—5), that the contents of the cases agree with the

specification.

14. If on testing the strength by the hydrometer, or on examination of the sample at the laboratory, the average strength is found to be less by not more than 2 degrees than that declared by the exporter, the declared strength will be regarded as correct, and drawback, &c., allowed accord-

ingly.

15. If, however, the average strength found be less by more than 2 degrees than that declared, a deduction to the extent of the difference, and a further deduction of 1 degree is to be made, in calculating the proof quantities of all the flavouring essences and perfumed spirits in the consignment; but where the difference amounts to 5 degrees or more, the Board will specially determine the basis on which the calculation for drawback, &c., is to be made.

16. For example, two samples are taken, the strengths of which are declared to be 50 over proof and 8 under proof

respectively, or an average of 21 over proof.

17. These are found by the hydrometer or by analysis to be 47 over proof and 98 under proof respectively, or an average of 18:6 over proof. The drawback would be payable on the basis of the declared strengths if the average found had been 19 over proof or more; but, since it is less than that declared by 2.4 degrees, a further deduction of 1 degree is to be made (in all 34 degrees) in calculating the proof quantities of all the flavouring essences or perfumed spirits in the consignment.

18. In arriving at the amount of drawback payable under these provisions, the bulk and proof gallons are to be calculated to centesimals, following the rule adopted as regards

spirits bottled in warehouse.

19. An ordinary spirit certificate, showing the number of cases, the total bulk gallons, &c., must be sent with the goods to the ship's side, the original notice (Form III.—5) being in all cases sent at the same time to the collector of Customs at the port from which the goods are to be exported. The proper officer of Customs will certify thereon the shipment of the goods, and send it immediately to the Customs Statistical Office. It will then be returned without delay to the station whence the goods were removed.

20. When samples are sent to the laboratory, a copy of the notice (Form III.—5) must be sent thereto by first post.

21. This notice, with the analysis strength inserted therein, will be forwarded from the laboratory to the proper officer, or by the Board to the proper collector, as the case may be, in accordance with the instructions in the case of tinctures, in General Order of April 6 last.

22. The officer should note, on each notice, the address to

which it should be returned.

23. An abstract of each consignment should be sent to the

principal of the Statistical Department.

24. Bond, with surety, for the due exportation of the goods, must be given by the rectifier or compounder before removal. The bond may be a general one. A special form of bond (No. 294-1) has been provided for use under the regulations in this Order, and a supply can be obtained in the usual

25. On receipt of the Forms III.—5, examined by the supervisor, the collector will take steps for payment of the drawback without delay.

26. When flavouring essences or perfumed spirits are ex-

ported to the Isle of Man, the following course is to be

adopted:--

27. When the strength has to be ascertained at the laboratory the officer must prepare a copy of the original notice for transmission to the collector of Customs at Douglas, and forward the original notice to the principal of the laboratory, who, after inserting therein the ascertained strengths, will forward it to the collector at Douglas, in order to enable him to charge the insular duty. Both notices will then be returned to the proper collector of Inland Revenue, for payment of drawback, &c.

28. If the strength be determined by the officer and found correct, only the original notice need be sent to the collector

at Douglas.

29. In cases of extreme variation of strengths, whether found by the officer or at the laboratory, the notice will be sent to the collector at Douglas by the Board, when the basis for calculation of drawback has been fixed.

#### FLAVOURING ESSENCES.

30. With regard to these essences an allowance for waste of 4 per cent., is to be made upon those prepared by maceration or percolation, the same as in the case of tinetures; and upon those prepared chiefly by the addition of flavouring ingredients to the spirits, an allowance of 2 per cent.

31. The drawback of duty will be at the rate of 10s. 6d. per proof gallon, with the usual allowance of 4d. per gallon. 32. The sizes of the bottles will be restricted to  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz.,

1 oz., 2 oz., 4 oz., ½ pint, 1 pint, 2 pints, and 4 pints.

33. A case may contain flavouring essences of different kinds, but all the bottles in the same case must be of the same size.

34. When the size of the bottles is not less than 5 oz., they must be packed in cases containing not less than 2 bulk gallons, and when the size of the bottles is not greater than 4 oz., they may be packed in cases containing not less than 1 gallon.

35. Schedule of flavouring essences in respect of which the special allowance of 4 per cent. for waste may be granted

under the provisions of this General Order :-

Essence of celery. Essence of tonquin. chocolate. vanilla. ,, coffee. lemon, made ,, with spirits and lemon peel. ginger. ,, Essence of orange, made norehound. ,, with spirits and orangeorris. ,, tamarind. peel.

#### PERFUMED SPIRITS.

36. An allowance of 4 per cent. for waste is to be made on perfumed spirits as prepared for sale (except upon certain airticles hereinafter mentioned); but in order to become entitled to this allowance the exporter must make a declaration of Form III.—5, that the perfumed spirits have been made frem pomade extracts, or from other macerated substances propared in this country, and that they do not consist of an r have not been manufactured from imported perfumed spirits.

37. The drawback of duty will be at the rate of 10s. 6d. per proof galon, with the usual allowance of 4d. per gallon.

38. To meet the requirements of the trade the sizes may begin at  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz, and increase by multiples of  $\frac{1}{4}$  oz; but the bottles in each internal package must be of uniform size and of the same strength, and must contain at least 3 oz.

39. The contents of the bottles are to be checked by taking not less than six of each size for ascertaiving the average contents of the bottles of that size, and the total contents for drawback and allowance shall be calculated from such ascertained average, and not from the nominal capacities of the hottles.

40. No case is to weigh less than 42 lbs., after the same

has been packed and made ready for exportation.

41. The regulations concerning perfumed spirits shall apply also, as far as applicable, to the following preparations; but the sizes of the bottles, except in the case of eau-de-Cologne, lavender-water, and Florida-water, shall begin with 1 oz. and increase by multiples thereof:—

Eau-de-Cologne. Dentifrices.
Lavender-water. Hair-washes.
Florida-water. Brilliantines.
Toilet-vinegars and waters.

42. The strength of these preparations must be ascertained by the hydrometer.

43. These preparations are not entitled to the allowance of 4 per cent. for waste; but the usual drawback of 10s. 6d with the allowance of 4d. per proof gallon, will be paid.

By the Board,

ROBERT MICKS, Secretary.

#### CHOLERA NOTES.

#### THEY DID NOT DIE OF CHOLERA.

Mr. Theo. H. Tismey, of Eastbourne, sends a remarkable letter to the Pall Mall Gazette in regard to the treatment of cholera. He states that a brother of his, who practised in Calcutta, used to "prescribe a 1-per-cent. solution of nitroglycerine (a well-known Pharmacopæia drug), the patients taking a wineglassful every fifteen minutes until relieved; alternately he administered galvanic action with Helmholtz's battery. None of his patients thus treated died; on the contrary, recovery was almost as sudden as the seizure. had several theories repecting this remedy. One, which he most favoured, was that the application of the galvanic action caused a slight explosion of the nitro-glycerine, effecting either the discharge from the alimentary canal of the cholera bacillus or its dislocation and dispersion into some other part of the system, where it was rendered innocuous." Considering that the dose of the pharmacoroxial solution is from  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 2 minims, the wineglassful dose of Mr. Tismey is pretty wide of the mark; but the ingenious and amusing theory regarding the combined action of the nitroglycerine and the galvanic current is quite sufficient to put the remedy out of court.

#### ABOUT THE MICROBE.

Parisian scientists have of late been very attentive to the causation and prevention of cholera, and several papers on the subject have been communicated to the Academy of Sciences. M. Pastenr, in presenting a copy of Dr. Daremberg's book on the subject, strongly supported the author's protest against the pollntion of the water courses by drainwaters, and equally against the pollution of the soil by the distribution of these waters on land under cultivation. Daremberg thinks that the germs of cholera, in the form of the bacillus which produces it, can remain living and virulent in the soil for several years, and eventually lead to the spread of the disease. Thus the cholera in the environs of Paris would have originated in cholera-germs preserved since the last epidemic, in 1884. At the same meeting M. Ferran made some observations on a new chemical function of the comma bacillus. The growth of this microbe is always rapid and luxurious in the ordinary culture-solutions; if they contain milk-sugar, it is incomparably more so; but the growth ceases entirely as soon as the solution becomes acid by the development of lactic acid, and the vitality of the microbe is extinguished. It seems reasonable to employ lactic acid in lemonade against cholera (as the Paris city authorities have snggested), and to aid its action by the anexosmotic power which morphine offers us; the alkaloid would, perhaps, hinder the absorption of the toxic substances, and would prolong the action of the lactic acid by opposing its rapid elimination.

#### PRECAUTIONS IN THE EAST-END.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the Guardians of the parish of St. Matthew, Bethnal Green, held on Tuesday, August 30, a letter was read from the district medical officer asking for a conference with the Board, so that steps might be taken to combat any outbreak of cholera in the parish. The Board remitted the matter to the Dispensary Committee with powers to act; and this committee, with Mr. A. P. Barnard, chemist, as chairman, met in consultation with the medical officer on the Thursday following, and resolved, on the recommendation of the medical officers, to keep their dispensary open day and night for four weeks; that an extra dispenser should be obtained for night duty at a salary of 50s. per week, their permanent dispenser undertaking extra duty during that time. They gave their

dispenser instructions to take into stock, at the dispensary, extract of meat (Liebig and Valentine), brandy, and disinfectants. They also instructed their Clerk to communicate with the Asylms Board as to the removal of patients, and with the Vestry, as Sanitary Authority, concerning hospital accommodation.

GERMAN DRUGGISTS AND THE SUNDAY REST ACT.

The German Sunday Rest Act prohibits work of all kinds in shops or factories during the hours of Divine service. Certain Berlin wholesale drng-firms have jnst petitioned the chief of police to be allowed exemption from this clause during the cholera epidemic, giving as their reason that they were so overwhelmed with orders for disinfectants that they could not cope with them unless allowed special indulgence in the matter of working-hours. Their request has been refused.

#### RAILWAY GUARDS AS CHOLERA DOCTORS.

The Prussian Minister of Railways has issued an order to the railway administrations commanding them to keep every guard in charge of a passenger-train supplied with an ounce bottle of a mixture of landanum and ether, from which the guard is to administer 20 to 30 minim doses (preferably on a piece of sugar) to any passenger in his train who shows symptoms of cholera. The Pharmaceutische Zeitung wants to know how the guard is to know whether a passenger is suffering from cholera or from any other complaint, and protests against entrusting railway servants with the indiscriminate distribution of a drug the sale of which by pharmacists, except upon medical prescription, is severely prohibited.

#### PHARMACISTS AND THE EPIDEMIC IN HAMBURG.

According to a writer in the Piarmaceutische Zeitung, one of the results of the outbreak of cholera in Hamburg will be the introduction into the Reichstag of a Bill for placing the power to adopt protective measures against infectious diseases in the hands of a central authority, thereby taking away the autonomy now possessed by Hamburg and other free cities in this matter. The writer, after drawing a harrowing picture of the devastations of the plague in the ancient city, describes the preventive measures generally resorted to by pharmacists. A 5-per-cent solution of carbolic acid is sprinkled on the floor of the pharmacies at frequent intervals, and near the desk for sales over the counter a basin with corrosive-sublimate solution (3 in 1,000) is kept for the frequent rinsing of the hands. No bottles are taken back from customers during the epidemic. Smoking and, as far as possible, all direct contact with customers are also avoided. The following prophylactic has been found very useful:—

Take half a tablespoonful every two hours.

Feet and legs should be rubbed morning and night with spirits of camphor.

No pharmacist has died of cholera in Hamburg thus far.

#### DISINFECTANTS IN GERMANY.

A RECENT commercial report of the *Pharmac. Zeitung* has the following:—"While in Russia, unaccountably enough, the slightly active 50·60-per-cent. crnde carbolic acid has been officially prescribed for disinfecting pnrposes, the German law properly orders the employ of crnde 100-percent. acid; and for this kind, which is already very scarce at present, a further strong demand is sure to manifest itself. That bleaching-powder should be assigned such an important place in the German order is astonishing, as it is notorious that this preparation is particularly one of which the disinfecting power is considerably affected by age and method of storage, and that it is difficult to gauge its efficacy. The advance in carbolic acid has been still greater than was foreseen, and this applies to crystals as well as to crude acid. For many years that drug was neglected to such a degree that neither mannfactner nor trader could make

any profit out of it; now it has suddenly risen 75 per cent. in value. Crystals can hardly be had for immediate delivery, and of crude acid only the low-percentage kinds are offered freely. Crude 100 per-cent. acid, which consists of the really active parts, nnmixed with valueless tar oils, is scarce, and is kept by the manufacturers for conversion into 50-60-per-cent, crude acid—a variety of which immense quantities are being used in Russia. A further strong demand for 40-per-cent. crystallised and 100-per-cent. crude acid was certain to arise, for the latest reports from the stricken districts left no doubt of the extension of the plague and the great increase of fatal cases. There has been an important advance in corrosive sublimate, which is ordered in large quantities for disinfecting purposes in Russia and Germany. Manufacturers are unable to keep pace with this demand. Permanganate of potash, also demanded for disinfection, is likewise dearer. There has been a strong inquiry in Germany for peppermint herb, which has a great popular reputation as a prophylactic for stomach and bowel complaints. The harvest of the herb has been a good one in Germany, but in spite of this the price has risen, and every pharmacist's order to his wholesale honse includes a request for the herb. Peppermint oil has advanced from the same cause."

#### Business Changes.

Mr. Hurs, Handsworth, has purchased the business at Malvern Wells, formerly owned by Mr. Wakefield of that place.

MR. A. H. ELLITHORNE, chemist, of York Place, Ball's Road, Birkenhead, has opened a branch pharmacy at 26 Wellington Road, Oxton.

MR. SMITH, until lately assistant with Mr. Chase at Five Ways, Edgbaston, has succeeded to the business of Mr. Hnes, at Handsworth, Birmingham.

Mr. Brewis, who has managed the laboratory of Messrs. Boileau & Boyd, wholesale druggists, Dublin, for some years, has accepted an engagement with Messrs. Dakin & Co., of London.

MR. D. R. THOMAS, who has been the managing partner in the firm of Cousins, Thomas & Co., Oxford, for the last eight years, has just succeeded to the whole of this old-established business.

MR. THOMAS PARKIN has sold his business at Bolsover, Chesterfield, to Mr. Greaves, of Clowne, and has purchased from Mr. Holmes, of Ringwood, Hants, the business hitherto carried on by the last-named chemist.

MR. J. C. POTTAGE'S homospathic business at 47 St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, will in future be in the hands of Mr. Thomas Robinson. The business has been in existence for thirty years, and during the last five years Mr. Robinson has been manager.

MR. FRANK DERRY, who has for the past three years acted as advertisement manager to the Guy's Tonic Company, has left that firm to act in the same capacity for Mr. Roscoe C. Spurin, the proprietor of the new preparation for the teeth, "Dorothy Dentifrice." This preparation, which has had a good success in the West of England, is now brought to London, and, we believe, is to be pushed vigorously. It is sold in 3d. packets, and extremely attractive showcards are given with it.

HYOSCINE AND SCOPOLAMINE.—At a recent meeting of the Silesian Society for National Culture, Professor Ladenburg made a communication in regard to Schmidt's observations that hyoscine and scopolamine are identical bodies. He does not agree with that view, but admits that scopolamine is found in commercial hyoscine. He stated, further, that there is in scopola-root an alkaloid which has a very great resemblance to hyoscine, but it is not identical, for hyoscine is  $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$ , and the alkaloid in question is  $C_{17}H_{21}NO_3$ .

#### Trade Rotes.

THE Chemists' Association (Limited) (formerly Thompson, Walters, Hole & Co., Limited), Cartain Road, are now connected with the telephone, No. 11,391.

MESSRS. E. BREFFIT & Co. (LIMITED) have registered a design for a price-card for van-boxes, bin-cases, &c., the feature of which is that on the front page of the card is a drawing of a hin-case, the lid of which is made to open, showing inside (on the opposite card) the internal arrangement of the case.

BESIDES the prize to consumers offered by the Natural Food Company (Mr. Peter Tyrer), Long Lane, Borough, which we mentioned in a Trade Note last week, in connection with Dr. Allinson's Natural Food, the proprietor also offers a preminm of 5t. to the agent who sells the largest quantity to the public between August 1 and December 25, 1892. Particulars of this offer can he had from the company.

MESSRS. CONDY & MITCHELL (LIMITED) tell us that what they meant to convey to our representative at last week's interview was that they might be compelled to go to Germany for their hottles if, as they feared, the English makers were unable to keep up the supply. Thus far they have bought their bottles in England.

MR. JAMES TOWNSHEND, of Exeter, has his specimen almanacs for chemists ready. These include an illustrated "universal" almanac with good pictures and interesting reading-matter, a cnnning little purse-almanac, and a novelty in the shape of a bouquet-almanack, produced with "gophered" gilded edges.

THE very effective picture of the Walachian girl with a pitcher of Franz Josef water, by Thnmann, which we illustrated in our Snmmer issue, and which Messrs. Hertz & Collingwood have adopted as a showcard, is now, we understand, ready for distribution to chemists who will exhibit it. It is a lithograph in twenty-three printings, and the firm tell us the original painting cost 1,500%. The colours are subdued, and the reproduction is perfectly accomplished.

BLAUD'S PILL IN TABLOIDS.—We have already mentioned the fact that Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co. have introduced a new tabloid, in which the ingredients of a 4-grain Blaud's pill are combined without excipient, providing a cream-coloured mass. It is only this week that we have had the opportunity of examining them. The first thing that strikes one about these tabloids is their small size compared with the usual Bland's pill, but we have found that the average weight is between 4 and 4.1 grains—a commendable degree of accuracy, we should say. The colour of the tahloids is due to the fact that the alkaline carbonate and ferrous sulphate are prevented from reacting until a tabloid is brought into contact with water, when the characteristic pea-green ferrons carbonate is produced. In air-free water the carbonate formed is hut slightly coloured, showing that the ferrous salt is remarkably free from oxidation. We have also noticed that hy gentle friction the carbonate which is formed comes off, and immediately the white surface helow begins to assume the green colour. Hence it may be expected that assimilation of the iron will proceed steadily, and without unduly neutralising the acid contents of the stomach.

#### NEW COMPANIES.

SCARBOROUGH CLIFTON STBEET AËRATED-WATER COM-PANY (LIMITED) — Capital, 2,000*l.*, in 5*l.* shares. Objects: To purchase the Clifton Street aërated-water manufactory, and to carry on business as manufactorrers of and dealers in all kinds of aërated and mineral waters, &c. The first subscribers are: G. T. Eaman, 8 St. Helen's Square, Scarborough (twelve shares); R. Cowton, St. Lawrence, The Valley, Scarborough (ten shares); G. Evesham, Castle Road, Scarborough (ten shares); J. Coulson, Castle Road, Scarborough (ten shares); H. Vipan, 12 Dean Street, Scarborough (two shares); D. Robinson, Scalby, Scarborough (ten shares); and J. Dales, Gristhorpe, Scarborough (two shares). There shall not be less than two nor more than five directors, and the first are G. T. Eaman and G. Evesham. Qualification, 50*l.*; remuneration, 15*l.*, divisible. Office: 29 Westhcrough, Scarborough.

Borough Mineral-water Manufacturing Company (Limited).—Capital, 5,000l. in 2l. 10s. stares. Object: To adopt and carry into effect an agreement made between H. W. Clegg of the one part and J. W. Brown, on hehalf of this company, of the other part, and. generally to carry on the husiness indicated by the title. The first subscribers (who take ten shares each), are: J. W. Brown, Rawtenstall, innkeeper; H. W. Clegg, Waterfoot, mineral-water manufacturer; J. H. Edmondson, Waterfoot, innkeeper; W. Dearden, Haslingden, innkeeper; J. Holt, Lnmb Benchurch, innkeeper; D. Ashworth, Waterfoot, innkeeper; and G. E. Hargreaves, Haslingden, innkeeper. There shall not be less than five nor more than seven directors; the first to be elected at the first general meeting. Qualification, 25l. Remnneration, 7s. 6d. each for each board attendance. Registered office: The Works, Carr Lane, Waterfoot, Lancashire.

#### Personalities.

THE engraved portrait of Dr. Thorne Thorne, which we published last week, was from a photograph by Messrs. Fradelle & Young.

MR. ALFRED HUGHES CLAYPOLE, pharmaceutical chemist, York Town, has been elected a member of Frimley School Board. He was third on the list, and received 424 votes.

THE Chairman of Directors of the Ashburton Drug Company (Limited), Ashburton, Canterbury, New Zealand, is now in London. His address is H. Friedlander, 60 Fenchurch Street.

THE RIGHT HON. T. H. HUXLEY resents a statement by Nature that he was allowed to leave the public service "without the slightest recognition" by the State. He feels "bound, in justice both to Lord Salisbury's and to Mr. Gladstone's former Governments, to point out that it is incorrect." Very substantial recognition was awarded him by both; and the late Lord Iddesleigh, in offering to recommend him for a Civil List pension, expressly put it as an honour.

A DERBYSHIRE paper gives some particulars of Mr. Pochin, the chairman of the Sheepbridge Coal and Iron Company, a director of the Staveley Coal and Iron Company, of the M. S. and L. Railway Company, and of other concerns. Mr. Pochin commenced business in a small way as a chemist in Manchester, and has prospered and grown wealthy. Some years ago he purchased the estate of Bodnant, on which he has spent large sums, and now it is one of the largest, hest-managed, and most charming estates in Wales. Trees have been planted in hundreds of thousands. On a commanding knoll, almost enshrouded in trees, Mr. Pochin has spent 10,0002. on a mansoleum externally built of cream-coloured stone, in the Classical style, and internally constructed of the choicest marble, in different colonrs, interspersed with precions stones.

#### MARRIAGES

BRETT—NICHOLLS.—On September 3, at Holy Trinity Chnrch, East Finchley, Mr. Samuel Brett, of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST staff, and for some time the resident agent for that journal in New York, to Miss Millie Nicholls, of East Finchley.

TATE—CRAIG.—On August 31, by special licence, at Glenmount, Whitehouse, James Tate, M.P.S.I., Belfast, to Helen (Ellie), seventh daughter of the late Hugh Craig, Belfast.

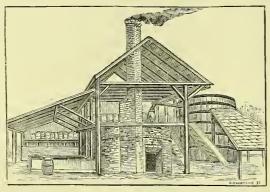
#### DEATHS.

HILL.—On August 13, Alfred Hill, chemist and druggist, Norwich. Aged 70.

TAYLOR.—On Angust 9, Thomas Taylor, chemist and druggist, Bristol. Aged 90.

#### A MISSISSIPPI TURPENTINERY.

FORMERLY most of the turpentine shipped from the United States came from North Carolina, but the forests in that State are now well-nigh bled and burned to death, and the turpentine industry has found a new home in Mississippi, where the town of Purvis has become one of its chief strongholds. Many visitors go down to Purvis to spend a holiday in its balsamic pine-woods; and from the accounts of a visit to one of the principal distilleries, recently given



THE DISTILLERY.

by one of these holiday-makers in an American journal, we glean the following particulars:—The turpentine orchards, as the forest plots whence the resin is obtained are called, vary considerably in size, but those of any magnitude contain from 10,000 to 15,000 acres. These are divided into "crops," consisting of 160 acres of land each, or about 10,500 turpentine "boxes."

#### BOXING AND SCARIFYING.

The first step in opening up an orchard is the cutting of boxes, which is begun about the middle of December, and each year afterwards new boxes are cut on new timber. These boxes are made by taking a slice out of the tree near the ground, leaving a pocket-like opening. Later on, another set of axemen come and cut a small chip out of each corner of the box in order to give it roundness and enable it to hold the flowing sap. This process is called "cornering boxes." The cornered boxes measure 14 inches wide, 7 inches deep, and 4 inches across. Generally only one box is cut to a tree, but if the tree is large more are put on.

Atout the middle of March, when the weather is warm



SCARIFYING THE TREES.

enough to cause the sap to flow, the "chippers" are sent out.

To each man is assigned a crop of boxes, which he is expected to chip over once a week. Commencing from the

edge and centre of the box, the tree is scarified in V-shape abrasures, with an instrument called a "hacker," which an open, semi-circular piece of sharpened steel attached to short handle. On the end of this is fastened an iron bal which gives impetus to the stroke made by the workman Once a week one of these "streaks" as they are called, must be put on each side of the centre line of the box on the side of the tree, in order to keep the sap constantly flowing. A each new streak is put on, the arch mounts higher and higher, and in two or three years it reaches such a altitude that the tree has to be abandoned.

Formerly, when turpentine was higher in price, the trewas scarified to a much greater height than now, the work men mounting ladders in order to reach the desired altitude. The trees do not lose their vitality by being scarified for turpentine. The process does not even injure their usefuness for lumber. The tree which has been used for turpenting once, however, cannot again be tapped until after an interval.

of fifteen or twenty years.

#### COLLECTING THE TURPENTINE.

When the fourth streak is put on the tree, which is for weeks after the chipping commences, sufficient "crude," sap, has run into the box to enable the "dippers" to start work. "Dipping" can be done by women and childrer Sometimes whole families work together, being given a many crops to dip out as they can undertake. The instruent by which the dipping is effected is a flat, heart-shape piece of steel, attached to a long handle. The workmap places this paddle into the box, and with a peculiar twist the wrist brings out the contents, which he places into bucket. The full buckets are emptied into the barrel which hold 480 lbs. of "crude" each. The still runs from or to three charges per day, requiring eighteen barrels of "crude to the charge. From each charge is distilled from two an a half to three and a half barrels of spirits of turpentin according to the newness of the trees. The balance consis of resin and chips. The first year's bleeding of the try yields what is called "virgin dip," which contains a large percentage of turpentine than the dip of any succeedir year. The resin which is made from this is also of a fine quality. As each year passes, the percentage of turpentine and the quality of resin deteriorate.

#### THE DISTILLING.

In the fall of the year the accumulation on the side of the tree is scraped off and distilled, but it yields a small percentage of spirit and a poor resin. The distillery itself an exceedingly simple structure, its main features being brick-built furnace with a tall chimney, and a rather clums copper still communicating, by means of a still-head an worm, with a big cooling-vat and container. Over the furnace, and near the head of the still, is a platform container.



Boxing, Hacking, and Dipping Tools.

taining several barrels of a white, paste-like substance—the crude turpentine as it flows from the trees, and white requires distilling in order to separate the essential oil of spirits of turpentine from the rosin. About eighteen barre of crude turpentine go to a charge, which is boiled for for

hours. The stillman, by putting his ear to the side of the pipe whence the stream issues from the cooling-vat, can judge whether the brew is progressing favourably. Great care has to be taken in keeping the fire at the right hear, and in keeping a sufficient quantity of water in the still, as the resin, if scorched, becomes valueless. The "low-wine," or water of distillation, which is exceedingly bitter, is highly esteemed locally as a consumption-remedy.

#### TURPS AND RESIN.

The discharge-pipe empties into a barrel, which, by means of a short wooden pipe, connects with a second similar receptacle. From this second barrel the turpentine is finally drawn into a third, which is rolled into the store-shed, and is in its turn emptied into the tank which conveys the spirits along a line of rail, passing underneath the platform to the nearest market. The liquid as it flows from the still into the first barrel is divided into a thick, yellowish, turbid and frothy part, filling about two-thirds of the barrel, and the "low-wine," which sinks to the bottom. The latter is drawn off by a tap at the bottom of the barrel, while the remainder, minus the froth, passes into the second barrel in a clean, warm, pungent stream. When all the volatile oil is drawn off the charge is allowed to cool for a couple of hours. The cap is then removed from the mouth of the boiler, and one of the hands, taking up a wire net with a long handle attached, runs it several times into the orifice, bringing it round with a sweeping motion, and hauling up quantities of straw and chips, which are dumped on the ground. The still man then descends the platform, and unscrews a cap on the side of the furnace, just over the resin vat. From this opening there comes rushing out a boiling hot, ruby-coloured stream, which changes to amber as its sprays scatter to right and left. This pours into a wire strainer set to receive it, under which is another strainer covered with cotton batting, and when it has penetrated these two it drips into the vat underneath, set partly in the ground.

The resin has to remain in this vat several hours for final cooling before being placed into the barrels, which it other-

wise would burst.

#### LEAVES FROM A RECIPE-BOOK.

A NOTHER subscriber has very kindly placed at our disposal several recipe-books which have been compiled by his father and himself. In the books we have met with many CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST formulæ which have been tried and not found wanting, while the following have not, as far as we can recollect, yet appeared in these columns. The selection is of a somewhat miscellaneous character; but it is all the better for that. This is an instalment.

#### Pot Pourri. Rad. calam. arom. . . 3 ii. Fol. rosæ .. 5 ss. Flor. lavand. 3:S. Caryoph. contus. .. 388. Sem. coriand. 288. Moschi gr. x. Ambergris ... gr. iv. T/E Pott's Cerate. Pulv. litharg. 3×⊽j. .. Sapon. Cast .. 3ij. •• Aceti albi ... Zxxxii. . . .. Dissolve, and evaporate the vinegar; then add to the following, previously Ceræ flavæ .. 3 x. .. Ol. olivæ sec. āsvi. .. . . Mix well. Odor Delectabilis. Aq. flor, aurant, conc. Ziv. rosæ conc. 31 V. Ol. lavand. Ang. Ξj. " caryoph.. 5.1bergamot. 3ij. Moschi gr. ij. Sp. vin. rect. 3xx. M.

	0	l. Od	lorife	rum						
	Ol. origani , caryoph. ,, lavand, , citron, , amygd. amar. , cassiae, , limonis, , jasmin, , bergam	••				7j. 3j. 3j. 3jv. 5ij. 5iv. 5iv. 3jv.				
M.	-	<b>-</b>	_							
	Honey Paste.									
	Ol. amygd. dulc.	••	••	••		3ij.				
	Cetacei	••	••		• •	31j.				
	Mellis	••	••	••	••	3 J.				
	Otto rosæ	••	••	••	••	gtt. xv.				
M.	Ol. lavand	 nim	··		••	gtt. vij.				
			Duc	CIIII.						
	Camphoræ	••	••	••	• •	Ziij.				
	Ol. caryoph	••	••	••	• •	.5 j.				
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	.,	••	••	••	• •	ZXX.				
	Liq. ammon. fort.	• •	••	••	••	žiss.				
	Aquæ	••	••	••	••	3xv.				

Digest the camphor in the essential oils until dissolved, then add the olive oil, shake well, add the ammonia, and, lastly, the water, shaking well together.

This makes a unique cream-coloured "white liniment," which is of special value as an embrocation for whooping-cough and chest-complaints generally, while it also makes a good "rubbing-bottle" for sprains, rhenmatism, and the like. If properly made it never separates, and is of the consistence of cream. Those who have not so far made a liniment a speciality should try this one.

#### Essence of Anchovies.

Pound 1 lb. of anchovies in a mortar; put them into a pipkin with 4 oz. of the best vinegar, and boil for a few minutes; then pulp through a hair sieve. To the portion that passes through the sieve add 2 oz. of salt, the same quantity of flour, and sufficient water to give it the proper consistence. Boil them together for a few minutes, and colour the mixture with annatto. A little cayenne pepper is sometimes added.

#### Chutney Sauce.

Stoned rais	ins			• •		3i√.
Sonr or era	ab app	oles	• •			žviij.
Brown sug	ar					3iv.
Powdered	ginge:	r	• •			31j.
Common sa	alt	• •				3ij.
Cayenne pe	pper				• •	3ij.
Garlie	••					3j.
Vinegar	• •		• •			a sufficiency.

Pound the solid ingredients together in a mortar until the whole is reduced to a pn!py mass, then add enough vinegar to bring the whole to the consistence of cream, and bottle for use.

#### Aqua Mellis.

			(1)			
	Ol. bergam.				• •	Siss.
	" limonis				• •	5j.
	" lavand		0.0		• •	gtt. xlv
	", caryoph	• •	• •			gtt. xlv
	Spt. vin. rect.	••	••		• •	ã⊽iij.
	Tr. iridis		• •			31V.
	Aq flor. aurant.		• •			živ.
М.						
			(2)			
	Gum. benzoin.					āxvj.
	Storacis calam.					živ.
	Caryophylli		• •			3 viij.
	Calami arom.		••			žxij.
	Cort. aurant.	• •				бхіј.
	Sem. coriand.					žxij.
	Rad. iridis			••		žviij.
	Fabæ Tonkæ.					žij.
	Spt. vin. rect.		• •			O vj.
	Aq. flor. anrant.	• •	• •	• •	• •	O ij.
	Aq.rosæ			••		O ij.
rate	for forty days, and	filte	er.			

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FRENCH, GERMAN, AND ENGLISH ASSISTANTS. BY A CONTINENTAL PHARMACIST.

HAVING had for many years in my employment pharmaceutical representatives of the three natious named above, I have had good opportunities of judging their respective characters and abilities. Although "comparisons are odious," it is sometimes interesting to cousider the points of difference between men of different nationalities, engaged in the same occupation, and to observe the characteristically different ways in which they will set about the performance of similar duties.

#### PHARMACIEN.

Amongst French assistants we have two classes—namely, first, men who, after remaining three years as apprentices in purely Freuch pharmacies, seek situations in Paris, or in some first-class English establishment ou the Riviera, previous to preparing for the examinations, which will occupy three years of student life; and, second, men who have no intention of going into business on their own account, and no ambition to secure a diploma which would better their position even as assistants.

The former will not generally engage themselves for any lengthened period, whilst the latter are always on the lookont for permanent situations. From an employer's point of view, the assistant of the second category is generally the more valuable as he usually gives more attention to the ordinary routine of a business than his more ambitious

confrère would care to do.

French assistants, like those of every other nation, are largely influenced by the men with whom they have been Malheureusement, the greater number of apprenticed. apprentices commence their career in some little pharmacy where the greater part of their time is employed in handing over the counter 2 sons' worth of flowers for tisane, or in retailing chloride of lime (poudre de javelle), or quillaia-bark (bois de Panama).

The odour predominant in a French pharmacy is invariably that of chlore. This chemical is largely used by our blanchisseuses to whiten the linen, which it soon destroys. Having had no experience in dispensing, or in the ordinary duties required in a first-class pharmacy, they have a second apprenticeship to undergo on leaving their first situations.

I might mention that indentures are not drawn up in France as in England. An engagement is sometimes made by the two parties on papier timbré, but this arrangement is far from satisfactory, and, consequently, is not often employed. A verbal agreement is adopted more frequently thau a written eugagement. It results from this lax method of binding an apprentice that after remaining one year with his first master, he often leaves him to go elsewhere, when he expects to earn a small salary as improver. Some of these youths, when properly trained, are excessively quick at learning, and are also good at retaining the informatiou

they acquire. I refer especially to southerners.

Oue interesting characteristic (not the least important) of French assistants is their invariable good temper, and desire to live in harmony with those with whom they are surrounded, irrespective of national prejudices or differences in opiuion in political or religious views. They are quick-tempered, and resent immediately any attempt at bullying; but they are equally quick in forgiving an injury, and I have never yet met with a sulky French assistant. He is superior to the average English or German assistant iu some branches of the profession. He makes better syrups, turns out cachets quicker and more elegant in appearance, and is more attentive to the filling-np of shop-bottles, drawers, &c. Unless he has had some experience in a cosmopolitan pharmacy, he cannot undertake to dispense prescriptions written in Latin. French prescriptions are written in the language of the country. Some French assistants are exceedingly good salesmen, although many consider it infra dig. to attempt to sell anything to a customer which he does not actually ask for.

#### APOTHEKER.

Within twenty-four hours after his arrival the German assistant has mapped ont in his mind's eye a better position for every individual bottle and pot which adorus the pharmacy, and unless his employer keep a strict look out, he (the employer) will be unable in a day or two to find any article in its original place. If permitted to reorganise the pharmacy, he goes systematically to work, but his labours are not usually crowned with the success which one expects as the result of so much time and energy being spent on the attempt.

His ideas are practically nseless. If you do not chance to fall in with his plans and suggestions, he invariably turns crusty and sulks for an indefinite time. Unlike his Freuch or English confrère, he is never willing to admit a fault or acknowledge himself in the wrong, however clear may be the proof. At the dispensing-counter he is at his best, but he is utterly nseless as a salesman. It is sometimes painful to notice the leugth of time he requires to reply to a customer, even when the client is one of his own countrymeu. He appears and acts in the pharmacy as though his sole occupation consisted in dispensing, and looks cross when called upon to perform any other duty. He reads Latin with greater facility than either his English or French comrades, and is usually master of one or two languages besides

Usually good at making emulsions; divides powders quickly and accurately; makes pills quickly, but rarely succeeds in giving them the spherical form which is essential to their elegance. His productions in this branch of pharmacy are apt to look as though they had been piuched out of the mass, gnimauve or liqnorice-powder being freely added to fill up the interstices. He is never at a loss to replace any drng which happens to be out of stock by another "equally good"; has not the remotest idea how to wrap a bottle or any kind of parcel.

Before leaving his situation he invariably provides himself with specimens of every label and wrapper in the pharmacy, and after making himself generally disagreeable for the space of six months to all around him, starts off for home without wishing either the principal or his fellow assistants good-bye. Most humble in his correspondence when seeking a situation, and most arrogant when he thinks he shall require

no further favour.

#### CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST.

If a qualified mau, and has lived a year or two in a good West-end establishment, the English assistant can compare favourably with either of the before-mentioued. He soon makes himself at home either at the front counter or behind the scenes. Generally speaking, he is very conscientious and accurate in his work. He is good at preparing mixtures, ointments, and pills. The last he turus out well, and silvers or coats to perfection. With emulsions he is not generally so successful; he soon, however, perfects himself after a few lessons. Unfortunately a bit too conservative in his ideas, he probably strougly objects to using a card to clean out a mortar, although it may often replace a spatula for that purpose to perfection.

Persists in folding powders à l'Anglaise, although the method adopted by continental chemists is far better. Dishkes to be called away from his work to serve a customer, although he may know that his services cannot be dispensed with. He rarely knows any other language besides his own, and is somewhat judifferent about attempting to master the language of the country in which he takes np his temporary residence. One of the correspondents of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, since gone over to the majority, argued that German assistants were superior to their Euglish eonfrères; my experience, as well as that of many of my friends who employ both, is quite to the cou-trary, consequently we always offer a higher salary to the latter.

Some of your readers may think that I am slightly prejudiced in my comments ou the German assistant. I am not so, however, and have given my views after careful consider-ation and minute inspection of the individual merits of the parties referred to.

A "MODEL of the fignre of Lot's wife in salt" will appear in the Kansas Court of the Chicago World's Fair to represent the salt industry of the state, which, we infer from this emblem, has come to a sudden stop, and is not likely to progress much in future.

## Legal Reports.

#### SALT IN BEER.

SEVERAL publicans were prosecuted at Bridgend Police Court on Saturday last, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, for selling beer to which, it was alleged, salt had been added to the prejudice of the purchaser. In the case contested, Dr. William Morgan, the county analyst, had certified that the beer contained chlorides equivalent to 62 grains of common salt per gallon. Dr. Morgan was called by the defendant's course, and was closely examined as to his analysis. He admitted that having found the quantity of chlorides present in the beer, he had assumed them to represent coloride of sodium exclusively. If there were other chlorides, so much the worse for the beer. He said there was a general understanding that the limit of chloride of sodium allowable in beer was 50 grains to the gallon. Dr. Attfield, who was called for the defence, said the certificate was incomplete because the chlorides were lumped together. In his opinion the certificate was useless for the purposes of the Act. The unqualified words "chlorides equivalent to 62 grains of common salt" were liable to mislead nonchemical readers, who believed-erroneously, donbtlessthat common salt was added to beer to make the consumer more thirsty, and, therefore, the allusion was liable to prejudice the accused. He (Dr. Attfield) had found 17 grains of salt per gallon in the beer, 29 grains of chloride of potassium, and 28½ grains of chloride of calcium. It would require hundreds of grains of salt per gallon of beer to cause the consumers to be thirsty. There was no recognised standard. When salt was not present in the water used for brewing, naturally it was far better for a brewer to take pure water and put in salt than to take an impure water containing salt, which, for anything he may know, may be derived from sewage. All the summonses were dismissed.

#### TAKING OVER THE SYPHONS.

At the Edmonton County Court last week, before Judge Abdy, Mrs. Duun, a widow, now living at 73 Osnaburgh Street, Regent's Park, sued Mr Donglas, a chemist at Commerce Road, Wood Green, for 41. 162. due on an I.O.U. The plaintiff, acting as the executrix of the estate of her late husband, sold to the defendant for 951. a chemist's business. There was a number of syphons which the defendant agreed to purchase at 2s. each, and it was in respect of these syphons that he gave the I.O.U. upon which he was sued. The defence was that the syphons were part of the stock-in-trade, and were included in the purchase which he made for 951. The defendant said he was foolish to sign the I.O.U. The Judge told him he must pay the penalty of his folly. Verdict for the plaintiff, with costs.

#### BANKRUPTCY REPORTS.

Re JOSEPH NORMAN WISE, Claypath, Durham, Pharmaceutical Chemist.

At the Durham Bankruptcy Conrt, on Tuesday of last week, Joseph Norman Wise, chemist and druggist, of Claypath, Durham, and residing in Gilesgate, came up for his first public examination. The following is the debtor's statement of affairs:—Liabilities: Unsecnred creditors, 923l. 13s. 7d.: creditors partly secured, 300l, less estimated value, 25l.—275l.; creditors for rent, &c., 25l; making gross liabilities, 1,248l. 13s. 7d. and expected to rank for dividend, 1,198l. 13s. 7d. Estimated assets: Cash deposited with solicitor for cost of petition, 12l.; stock-in-trade (cost 300l), 250l; trade fixtures, 50l.; furniture, 50l.; share in Chemists' Aërated-water Association, 1l.; book debts (good), 89l. 3s. 9d.; book debts (doubtful), 4l. 15s. 8d.; book debts (bad), 9l. 8s. 4d; expected to realise, 91l. 8s. 8d.; total assets, 454l. 8s. 9d, less 25l. for distrainable rent, and preferential rates, taxes, wages, sheriff's charges, &c.—429s. 8s. 9d., which leaves a deficiency of 769l. 4s. 10d. The debtor alleges that his

causes of failure are want of capital, expenses being in excess of profit, and a long illness of himself. The Official Receiver reports that the debtor filed his own petition. He commenced business in May of 1883, with a capital of between 700*l*. and 800*l*. He had kept a cash-book, debtors' and creditors' ledgers, bank-book, day-book, and returns-book. All were posted to date except the bank book. His banking account had been closed since about June, 1891. He had not within the last twelve months incurred any losses other than those in trade, nor pledged or disposed of any property. He had paid sums on account of trade debts up to the time of filing, and had not discontinued business. He had no capital three years ago, and though he had stock to the value of about 600%, he was then insolvent, as he first became aware that he had not sufficient property to pay all his debts in full when he borrowed 300% from his mother in November, 1888. He had contracted all his present debts since ther, but expected to be able to pay them out of the profits of the business. His income for the last three years had been about 100% a year, and his household and personal expenses about 180% a year. The whole of the unsecured liabilities seem to be ordinary trade debts. He seemed to have over-valued his stock-in-trade, fixturer, &c, and as the Official Receiver does not think the assets will, if sold by auction, realise more than 300l, he has obtained an order for the summary administration of the estate. According to the deficiency account delivered, debtor's failure seems to have been partly attributable to his living beyond his in-

In answer to the questions of the Official Receiver, the debtor said that his business comprised two sections—a retail shop and a wholesale trade. In 1888 he found that the wholesale business was not paying, and he gave it up. He had never made an assignment or composition before the present instance. Mrs. Wise, debtor's mother, was entered as a partly-secured creditor for 300%, the security amounting to 251, but she did not intend to prove the debt until all the creditors were paid in full. He did not think he had over valued the stock-in-trade and fixtnres at 300l. He did not call his creditors together earlier on account of tad health during last year. At the time he borrowed the 300%. from his mother in 1888 he made out that he was 450% to the bad. He borrowed 100% last year from his mother and 201. in the present year. He put all the money into the business. At the time he borrowed the money he submitted a statement of his affairs.

The Official Receiver said that with regard to the deficiency account which had been furnished him, some of the figures were incorrect. He asked debtor to examine it, ard supply him with an amended account before the next sitting. He also asked debtor if he had any further explanation to offer as to why his assets did not reach 10s. in the pound.

In reply, debtor stated he did not think he had any more to say except that he thought he would manage to pull through; but that was evidently a mistake. He acknowledged that he had contracted debts without having reasonable hope of paying them.

The examination was then adjourned.

Re NORTHCOTT & SONS, Rood Lane, Drug-brokers.

In the London Bankruptcy Court on Wednesday, on the application of Messrs. Barlow & James, a receiving order was made against the estate of F. Northcott. drng-broker, 13 Rood Lane, trading as Northcott & Sons. The liabilities are stated at 2,300*l*., and the assets at 102*l*.

ABSORBENT COTTON.—One of the forms of cotton industry that is rapidly developing in the United States is the manufacture of absorbent cotton for surgical purposes. The business is receiving attention from some large mills and it offers opportunity for considerable profits, says the Textile-Record. The raw cotton is boiled in a solution of potash until all the waxy and greasy material contained in the fibre has been extracted. It is then placed in a whizzer and dried, after which it is put upon the card and run out into-lans.

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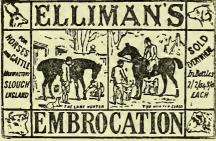
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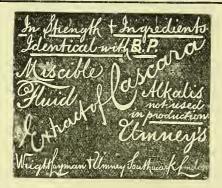


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## Editorial Comments.

#### THE PERFUME DRAWBACK.

AFTER many months of suspense the question of a drawbackallowance on alcoholic perfumes and flavouring-essences has been settled by the issue of the General Order of the Inland Revenue Department, which we print in another part of this issue. The Order concedes all, or nearly all, the demands of the trade, and, though a few irreconcilables may remain, the great majority of firms connected with the industries to which the Order relates will accept it as a fair solution of their difficulties until the time when the question of free alcohol for all industrial purposes shall have been brought within the domain of practical politics.

It will be remembered that the perfnme-drawback question became a matter of public controversy in the antumn of last year, when the Inland Revenne announced their intention to do away with the anomalous privileges enjoyed by a halfdozen or so of the large London perfumers who had been fortunate enough to secure manufacturing space in one of the two or three public buildings recognised as bonded warehouses. The announcement that they were to be put on a level with all their less-favoured colleagues caused the privileged traders to join together for the defence of their monopoly, and it was not until several more or less stormy meetings had been held, and it was found that the Somerset House authorities were not to be nobbled, that a kind of understanding was patched up between the various interests involved and a committee appointed, fairly representative of both sections of the trade, to confer with the Inland Revenne officials upon the details of the new arrangement.

The new Order, it will be seen, makes no reference whatever to the privileged mannfacturers. They will be allowed, we take it, to continue their manufacture at their present bonded warehouses, and upon the old terms, if they choose; but for the rest any licensed rectifier or compounder, no matter in what part of the country his works may be sitnated, can claim drawback under the terms of the new Order by giving twelve hours' notice on a special form to the nearest officer of the Department. The provisions for the sampling and testing of the goods are laid down with the utmost liberality to the exporters, and generally follow the lines of the previous Order concerning the drawback on medicinal tinctures. Where they differ it is mostly on the side of greater generosity to the perfumers. The minimum quantity of goods allowed for export in a single shipment under the terms of the Order is 2 bulk gallons, or about 17 lbs., net weight, which is even less than the quantity (56 lbs, gross) first suggested by the Somerset House officials and accepted as reasonable by the meeting of the trade at the London Chamber of Commerce on January 29 last. With regard to the drawing of samples, too, every reasonable concession is made. In the case of perfumed spirit the officer will test the strength of the spirit to be exported on the spot, and, where the test is found to correspond fairly with the exporter's statements he will return the samples into the bulk without more trouble, so that there need not be any waste or loss to speak of. This is not the case, however, with flavouring-essences, the samples of which must be sent to Somerset House for analysis—the intention of the exception being clearly to prevent the possibility of any employment of methylated spirit in this manufacture. There is no proviso in the Order with regard to the refunding by the Revenue of the money value of samples used for testing. It would hardly be fair to expect the authorities to pay for the samples they require, and the matter is one of very little importance, but it may be remembered that some of the more exacting representatives of the trade at the Chamber of Commerce gatherings distinctly formulated the demand. An abstract of each consignment, we observe, must be sent to the Principal of the Statistical Department, and we may therefore hope, in the conrse of a year or so, to be able to judge with exactness of the benefits that have accrued to our commerce from the new concessions. Besides the ordinary drawback of 10s. 6d. per proof gallon, plus the "usual allowance" of 4d. per gallon (which is a kind of bounty to onr manufacturing industry), a waste allowance of 4 per cent. will be made upon flavouringessences prepared by maceration or percolation, and upon perfumed spirits, as is now done npon medicinal spirituous tinctures. But, as with the latter, so there are certain exceptions in the new Order. Flavonring essences, prepared chiefly by the simple addition of flavouring-ingredients to

alcohol, for instance, are only to be given an allowance of 2 per cent.; and eau-de-Cologne, lavender and Florida waters, toilet vinegars and waters, dentifrices, hair-washes and brilliantines made with alcohol, are not to receive any waste allowance whatever.

By the new Order all our perfumers are placed upon terms no less favourable than their French colleagues, and, so far as we are able to judge, rather better than their fellow-manufacturers in Germany. They should, therefore, be able to do something more than hold their own in the markets of the world.

#### ACETUM SCILLÆ.

A FEW weeks ago a correspondent sent us a query in regard to acetum scillæ, which appeared of sufficient interest to bring to the notice of those who happened to be making the preparation at the time. We now have enough responses before us to provide a definite reply to the query, which, in in effect, was, What should be the measure of acetum, or does the Pharmacopæia expect a pint to be produced? As the Pharmacopæia process is one of simple maceration of 23 oz. of bruised squill in a pint of dilute acetic acid, it is plain that the filtered product after seven days' maceration will fairly represent the activity of the drug, and that the degree of expression to which the marc is subjected will slightly influence the specific gravity of the product. In properly-conducted maceration processes expression of the marc is an economical procedure, and does not add to the strength of the preparation, since the liquid in the marc is of the same strength, or nearly so, as that ontside it. This statement is snpported by results submitted by our correspondents based on manufactured quantities varying from 3 pints to 4 gallons. Reducing these to the pint standard, we obtain the following figures:-

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No. 1. Volume of the product 18·3 oz. . . sp. gr. 1 038

No. 2. , , , 15·75 , . . , 1038

No. 3. , , 19·3 , . . , 1039

No. 4. , , , 18·2 , . . , 1041

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In other replies the writers do not give the volume of the product, and one of these states that he finds its "specific gravity vary from 1 037 to 1.053." Another, who obtained only 16 oz. from the pint, gives its specific gravity as 1.064—an entirely abnormal figure. The results which we have tabulated show that the yield has little to do with specific gravity, and the variation in the latter is very trifling; the higher yields, due doubtless to more efficient pressure, indicating the presence of more extractive matter. It should be noted that in all these cases the specific gravity of the dilute acid was 1.006.

It would thus appear that there is no occasion for interference with the pharmacopæial directions, unless it be the emendation of the last sentence to "The product should measure not less than 18 fluid ounces, and should have a specific gravity of 1.033 to 1.040." Oldberg has shown that it is a mistake to make the acetum by percolation, as that is not only tedious but maceration gives a better product. The German Pharmacopæia stipulates that the acetum made as it directs should contain 5-1 per cent. of acetic acid, and this has led to the interesting observation by Dieterich that after pressure and filtration the acetum contains a trifle less acid than before, thus supporting our observation that the selight increase of density is due to extractive matter removed by pressure. Dieterich's figures deserve quotation. They are:—

 Sp. gr. 1·024
 1·022
 1·022
 1·023

 After maceration
 . 5·10
 . 5·10
 . 5·16
 . 5·16 p.c. acid

 After pressure
 . 5·07
 . 5·04
 . 5·16
 . 5·04
 ,

 After filtration
 . 5·07
 . 4·98
 . 5·10
 . 5·04
 ,

We do not think that the British Pharmacopæia intends much pressure to be applied. The direction is "Strain with expression, and filter"—that is, squeeze the contents of the straining-cloth with the hand. The subject, as a whole, is not a large one, but we have heard it frequently discussed, and these observations may assist in allaying any suspicion that variation in yield is accompanied by variation in medicinal activity.

#### "THE NAME OF THE ARTICLE."

IT has been several times pointed out in this journal that in labelling proprietary medicines containing poison it does not seem to be required by the Pharmacy Act that the particular poison therein contained should be named on the label. The Act requires that the name of the article, the word "poison," and the name and address of the seller, should appear on the label. In the case, then, of any of these proprietary medicines, what is the name of the article? It seems to us that the answer is obvious. The name of the article is Chlorodyne, Powell's Balsam of Aniseed, Winslow's Soothing Syrup, Kay's Essence, Atkinson's Preservative, or whatever name the maker has thought fit to give to his compound. This view, we notice, does not commend itself to the editor of the Pharmaceutical Journal. That authority, in commenting on a letter published by him last week says:--

The mere statement that a preparation contains "a poison" would clearly be insufficient, because the Act says "the name of the article," and unless a preparation be so authoritatively associated with a particular name that it can be thereby at once recognised as a preparation of the article of poison which it contaios, there would seem to be no alternative but to put on the label the name of the poison. Thus, for instance, in the case of tinct camph. co. a recognised name of the article is "paregoric," just as "laudanum" is a recognised name of tinct opii, and either of those names would be, respectively, the name of the article, indicating that it is a preparation of opium. From this view of the matter it would appear that the legal advice upon which Winslow's syrup is labelled as containing "morphine" was sound and judicious. In the Matthias case, the Treasury, in prosecuting, took up the position that the sale of a preparation containing morphine is, de facto, a sale of morphine, and that since the name of the preparation-syrup of camphor-was no indication of the presence of poison in it, "the name of the article" required to be on the label was morphine, as that was the article of poison actually sold.

We give our contemporary's argument in full, because we suppose it says as much as can be said for the official view on the point. The contention, as we understand it, is that if an article has an "authoritative"—that is to say, a Pharmacopeia—title, as, for instance, in the cases of laudanum and paregorie, that appellation with the word "poison" is sufficient; but that in all other cases the name of the article must be supplemented by the name of the particular scheduled poison which it may contain. So that the label "laudanum, poison," which chemists all thought in order, has only been in compliance with the Act since that name has been made a Pharmacopeia synonym.

But the interpretation of an Act of Parliament so as to make it accord with somebody's theory of what it ought to say is not permissible. As a matter of fact, the Act says nothing about the Pharmacopæia name, nor about the authoritative name. It demands simply the "name of the article," and what that is is a question of evidence in each instance. The Matthias case proves nothing, as it was undefended.

### [COMPOUNDING MEDICAL PRESCRIPTIONS.

IRISH pharmacists, as we all know, have the advantage over us in Great Britain that they are legally entitled to the exclusive privilege (saving the similar rights of medical practitioners) of retailing, dispensing, or compounding medical practices.

scriptions. The expression "medical prescriptions" is defined in the Act, and it is quite conceivable that its pretation might give rise to a great deal of hair-splittin view of the long-deferred hope that we in Great Britain one day get a similar bone to dispute about, any appropriate an authoritative exposition of the term in Ir would be welcome. For this reason we cannot help reting that the Dublin Magistrate, in the actions recording the the Dublin Magistrate, in the actions recording to the medicines ordered on the appended pretion, the defendants had infringed the Act in the mindicated. This was one of the prescriptions on which were charged:—

32 Stephen's Green, Dublin, July 14,

Mr. T. FARRELL.

A bottle of Henry's magnesia. Take a teaspoonful at night in a little milk.

A bottle of Hunyadi Janos mineral water.

Take a wineglassful the following morning with a tumbler of hot a cup of warm tea one hour afterwards.

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We presume, though we are not sure, that the defe firm sent out these medicines with the doctor's dire attached. Clearly this was a "medical prescription," sense that it was a prescription written by a medical but the same might be said if the doctor sent his boy spirit-shop for a bottle of whisky. Does not the "m prescription" of the Act involve some sort of compoun Unfortunately, as we have already reported, this was the summonses which were withdrawn in deference Magistrate's advice.

Another curious point bearing on the interpretat this expression was recently submitted to us. If a pnot a pharmaceutical chemist, puts up as a proparticle a medicine compounded from the prescription physician, does he thereby infringe the Act? He evi retails, dispenses, and compounds a medical prescription only difference is that he does it for a thousand perhaps, instead of for one. Until recently it was sufficient the saving clause as to "patent medicines" prosuch business, but in view of recent developments of side this is now doubtful.

One other point in connection with this legal pr deserves attention. At the recent prosecutions in Dubl Society's solicitor stated that the proceedings were inst by the Society for the protection of the public again danger of ignorant and unqualified compounders; but course of the trial it was deposed in evidence th Furlong's assistant, who actually compounded the pr tion, was unqualified, and that Mr. Best, whose emp were eventually fined, was a fully-qualified pharmac chemist. The public may fairly ask how are the tected by an Act which seems to allow such an anom this.

#### WHOLESALE RESEARCH.

The recent meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Cence provided an object-lesson to the retail druggists country which deserves some consideration beyond the ing references made to it in an ex-officio fashion whi meeting was proceeding. We allude to the very large taken in the proceedings by the wholesale section members. Out of twenty-three contributors of granking associated authors as one each) twelve were deconnected with wholesale or manufacturing houses, that capacity had ascertained the facts which they enabled to place before the meeting. The President he was a manufacturer of chemicals; several of the

animated discussious were carried on by the wholesale men almost exclusively, and retail pharmacy, except as audieuce, was at a considerable discount. It would be bad for the Conference if it had to rely for its pabulum solely upon retailers, for it is questionable if they have the opportunities, which chemists attached to wholesale houses possess, of critically examining commercial medicinal products as they are supplied for distribution to the consumers. The papers by Messrs. Brown, Hodgkin, Naylor and for example, were such as involved facilities which are but rarely within the reach of retail pharmacists. Yet the subjects of these and other similar papers have a direct influence upon pharmacopæial standards, and are, therefore, of importance to medicine and pharmacy. Up to the present time the Conference has been fortunate in securing this practical assistance from wholesale chemists without the intrusion of the advertising element, which is so objectionable to many. The fact that au author is geuerally known to be associated with a particular house is, with the appearance of the author, sufficient advertisement if that were aimed at, and it is to be hoped it will remain at that. The matter is recalled to us by an jucident which happened at the recent meeting of the American Pharmaceutical Association. Mr. F. A. Thompson, who is one of the chemists to Parke, Davis & Co., communicated a paper which consisted virtually of abstracts from his firm's laboratory note-books, and he said so. The statement aroused some caustic criticisms. If we briefly run over the subject-matter of the paper it will be seen that it was one which a wholesale man ouly could compile. It dealt with assays of crude drugs and qualitative analyses of chemicals received in original packages from different sources in 1891. The following paragraphs are abstracts of some of the more interesting

Belladonna-leares.—Twelve samples showed an average percentage of 0.4 atropine and hyoscyamine; maximum 0.5, miuimim 0.27 per cent. Iu 1890 the average was only 0.33 per cent.

Belladonna-root.—Average of total alkaloids, 0.69; maximum 0.9, minimum 0.48 per cent. In 1889 the average was 0.57, and in 1890 one sample gave 1.1 per cent.

Calabar Beans came out very constant, 0.24 per ceut. being the average of ether-soluble alkaloids.

Cantharides yielded cantharidin varying from 077 to 1.2 per cent.; average, 097.

Colchicum corm was found to be almost uniform in colchicine value—viz., about 0 55 per cent.

Conjum-seed.—Nine samples assayed — highest 0.91, lowest 0.17, and average 0.58 per cent. of conjue.

Ipecae-root.—Examined by Dragendorff's process. Emetine—maximum 3.74, minimum 2, and average 2.73 per cent.

Kola nuts had a big range—viz, from 0.72 to 2 per ceut. of caffeine aud theobromine; average, 1.26 per ceut.

Stramonium—Eleveu samples of leaves showed an average of 0.38 per cent. of total alkaloids—highest 0.47, lowest 0.32—and fifteen of seeds an average of 0.35 per cent.; the variation here being wider, however—viz., from 0.17 to 0.5 per cent.

Chemicals.—Amongst the results reported we note variation in the melting point of atropiue sulphate. Some samples melted about 183° C., others fully ten degrees higher. The latter contained bright shining crystals, which appear to be characteristic of mixtures of atropiue and hyoscyamine, which the high-melting samples were. Quiniue sulphate was found to vary much in water-content—viz., from 6 to 16 per cent., or an average of 11 74. These were mostly of German manufacture. American quiniue contained 16 per cent. of water of crystallisation.

That such information as the foregoing is of direct practical value to retailers is obvious, and no excuse is necessary for communications of the kind being made to such representative bodies as the British Pharmaceutical Conference and the American Pharmaceutical Association. It is one means

of tapping the very large volume of research which is aunuall done in manufacturing laboratories, and medicine and pharmacy will be the better if such results continue to be freely published. Fortunately, in this country we do not face the difficulty which has beset our American brethren, as cur authors do not, as a rule, insist upon their firms being mentioned in their papers, and if they do, the spirit of thei audiences is such that the procedure is rather to their detriment than otherwise. It is never good policy for anyone to make it obvious that he has "an axe to grind," and British pharmaceutical sentiment is strongly opposed to that being done in public meetings.

#### THE SHOP HOURS ACT 1892.

This Act, which became operative on September 1, replaces in the statute-book the Shop Hours Regulation Act of 1886 iu a permauent and more perfect form. The latter measure had to be re-enacted from year to year. The Act now in force provides that no "young person" (that is, a person under the age of 18 years), may be employed in or about a shop for a longer period than seventy-four hours, including mealtimes, in any one week. It further specifies that if any such young persou has been employed in any factory or workshop as defined by the Factory and Workshop Act, 1873, he or she may not be, to the knowledge of the employer, employed in or about a shop for a longer period thau will, with the time in the factory, complete "such number of hours." [It is presumed that the Legislature meaut to limit the total working-hours of the young person to the sixth part of the seventyfour hours per day, but they have expressed themselves in a strangely confused manuer in this section. A shop is defined in the Act to mean "retail and wholesale shops, markets stalls, aud warehouses in which assistants are em ployed for hire," and iucludes licensed public-houses and refreshmeut-houses of any kiud. For every infraction of the Act the employer is liable to a penalty of 11., but he may transfer his liability to some other person if he can prove to the satisfaction of a Court that he himself used due diligence to ensure obedience to the Act, and that it was jufringed without his knowledge, conseut, or conuivance. Offences are to be prosecuted and fines recovered as uuder the Factory aud Workshop Act, and county aud borough councils may appoint inspectors to execute the Act. All shopkeepers are to exhibit a notice in their shops in a conspicuous positiou referring to the Act, and stating the number of hours in the week during which a young person may lawfully be employed in that shop. Nothing in the Act is to apply to a shop when the only persons employed are members of the same family, dwelling in the building of which the shop forms part or to which the shop is attached, or to members of the employer's family so dwelling, or to any person wholly employed as a domestic servant.

#### COMMENTARY.

IRON IN BONE BLACK.—Some remarks were made at the Couference meeting, during the discussion on Mr. Hodgkin's paper, on the peculiar fact that after treatment with mineral acids, animal charcoal still contains iron, which is dissolved out by such things as a kaline citrates. In this connection we recall a recent communication to the *Chemical News* by Mr. B. Terne, in which he stated that bone-black does not yield up its iron to solutions of citric acid—anyway, not when a 0 1 or 0.25 per cent. solution of that acid is exposed for twenty-four hours at nearly 100° to bone-black containing as much as 0.5 per cent. of iron. In fact, he finds that fresh, sugar-house bone-black removed all the iron from citric-acid

solutions previously rendered dark yellow by the addition of one-tenth per cent. of tha metal. It seems curions that an alkaline citrate can do what free citric acid cannot. How is that explained?

THE ACTION OF THE SYNTHETIC QUININES -It is known that MM. Grimaux and Arnaud have prepared three forms of synthetic quinine - viz, methylic ether of cupreine (methyl-cupreine), ethylic ether of cupreine (ethyl-cupreine or quinethyline), and propylic ether of cupreine (propylenpreine or quincpropyline). The physiological action of these compounds has now been tested by M. Laborde (Répertoire de Pharmacie), who found that they all possessed physiological properties similar to those of quinine. They are antipyretic and analgesic in varying degree. Their action becomes more pronounced in proportion as the substituted group belongs to a higher series. Cupreine is the least active, then quinethyline (the hydrochlorate of which is sufficiently soluble for hypodermic injection), and quinopropyline is the most powerful of the three. The latter reduces the temperature of the knman body four degrees within an hour, and produces also convulsions of an epileptic character.

PROTEID HYDROCHLORIDES.—Dr. Lockbart Gillespie, of the Ediabnrgh Royal Infirmary, in a paper to the British Medical Association, states that proteids have a weak affinity for hydrochloric acid, and although the combination is by no means strong he suggests that the compounds should be called proteid hydrochlorides. If no free hydrochloric acid be present these bodies strike no scarlet colour with Günzberg's vanillin phloroglncin, with Boas' resorcin, or with Möhr's sulphocyanide reagent. They lose none of their acidity on, evaporation to dryness, unlike the free acid. They have however, the same saturating power as the original hydrochloric acid. The percentages of acid to proteid are as follows:—In the case of [albumen 1 to 7.5, acid-albumen 7.5] to 9, proto-albumose 11, Deutero-albumose 13, and peptone 17 to 20. Dr. Gillespie considers that during the process of digestion when proteids reach t e stomach, the hydrochloric acid is secreted and combines at once with them. Until the albumen molecule combines with at least 7.5 per cent. of acid, it still has the properties of albumen; above that percentage it behaves like acid albumen. This in time splits up into the smaller molecules of proto-albumose, each of which has 11 per cent. HCl attached to them, and so in like manner the proto-albumose divides into Dentero-albumose, and that into peptone.

## LIVERPOOL CHEMISTS SHOULD READ ALPE'S "HANDY BOOK."

THE Somerset Honse officials have been busy in Liverpool during the last few days. Fines have been imposed on several chemists for non-compliance with the Medicine-stamp Acts. Among the articles purchased have been mixtures put up by chemists for bowel complaints and cholera. Three or four chemists have suffered for offering effervescing autipyrin with labels representing the article as a remedy "for nervous headache, &c." Others were brought to book in regard to infants' preservatives, and one for a tic mixture. In another case, a chemist sold fluid extract of sarsaparilla, which was declared on the label to be good for curing certain diseases. This, the anthorities said, rendered it liable to stamp duty. chemist claimed that it was a B P. article, and thought it was therefore exempt. He was let off this time with a caution. Another chemist was asked for sixpennyworth of antibilious and liver pills, which he tendered in a box of the usual style, with label stating that they would "correct irregularities" The anthorities are correcting this irregularity. One sold a bottle of specific dnly stamped, but the stamp was not over the cork, and he has had an intimation that it must be properly stamped in future.

NOTES ON THE RIDDANCE OF WEEVILS BY A DEAD LOBSTER.

By ALBERT J. SALMON, Lncea, Hanover, Jamaica.

RATHER a funny subject to write about, and although not pharmaceutical, I think it of sufficient importance to call your attention to it.

Nearly three years ago I experienced great difficulty in keeping certain substances from the ravages of weevils which are well known for destroying grain. Thousands of these pests, consisting of different kinds, would, in a few days, destroy any fresh snpply of seeds, roots, and farina ceous substances; in fact, I had to abandon the keeping of some of these articles.

I spoke to several persons about my grievance, and a friend advised me to hang up a dead lobster in the store.

A dead lobster? Why, what an absurdity! What effect would it have on thousands of these voracious insects. However, I thought it would do no harm to carry ont the suggestion.

A live lobster was procured, its appendages tied together a string passed around the body, and my would-be delivered hung up in the open air and under a tree. Eight weeks on sun and rain "cured" it. It was drained of its contents free of all smell, and hung up in the store.

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Within a few weeks I observed several moths hovering about, and on opening some of the jars, &c., containing the articles, I found the same kind of moths in them. I had very often seen them, but took no special notice of them They and the weevils quickly forsook their homes, and ever since I have been able to keep the articles in good condition.

I cannot account for the effect this odourless and emptyshelled crustacean has had on these insects, but it has undoubtedly cured the evil.

Such articles as cattle-food, &c., I now keep in a covered tin with a few toes of the lobster strewed in it.

#### HOW INDIARUBBER TEATS ARE MADE.

THE mannfacture of indiarubber teats is said to be one of the most interesting parts of the indiarubber trade. Girls are largely employed in it, as delicate fingers are a necessity. Three kinds of indiarubber are used in making teats-viz., white, brown (or maroon), and black, those sheets with the fine parallel lines being preferred. These lines are known technically as "print," and are imparted to the rubber by mechanical means, impression-plates being used for the purpose. After the sheets are so printed, they are heated in order to shrink them, and then given to the nipple-cutters, who may cut several sheets at once, using a very sharp die. The pieces, when cut, are, for small teats, nearly heart shaped; for large ones, cone-shaped. In the former the seam extends from the bottom np one side and just over the crown, the other side being seamless; while in the latter the seam completely divides the teat. Small teats are, therefore, made in one piece, and large ones in two pieces. To cut the latter two sheets are laid together with the print inside. The natural stickiness of the stock holds these pieces together, which helps materially in the making-up.

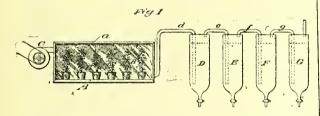
After the pieces have been delivered to the makers, the next process is cementing. The pieces are neatly laid in piles, and then, by means of a small brush, painted with a cement made of "mixed-sheet" dissolved in naphtha. They are then spread upon tin plates to dry over a small steamoven.

Next the flange at the lower end of the teat is made. For this purpose the cement-brush is again brought into requisition, and the lower end cemented. When dry, the operator with the right thumb presses firmly on the lower edge with an upward motion. This turns it over a little, and, when continued around the stem, makes a small ring at the lower end, a continuation of which brings out the flange. Large teats are cemented, seamed, and flanged, and then turned inside out, so as to bring the print ontside. When finished the teats, monlds, &c., are packed in shallow pans half-filled with tale, then filled np with tale and can into the

heater. After this has been done, each worker gets her own lot to sift, and hasto remove the teats from the moulds. There is a knack in doing this which only the workers know. The teats are next thoroughly washed and cleaned with potash solution. Then comes the punching of the holes in the crown. This is done by hand. Small punchers are set in standards at each table. The teat is placed upon the punch and hit firmly with a small wooden mallet. For a finishing touch the girls take them again in hand, pack them in paper boxes, and the teats are ready for market. The girls employed take very great care of their finger-nails. These before all other tools are a necessity. If brittle, the utmost care in trimming is taken, and they are washed, scrubbed, and oiled with daily solicitude. A cracked nail is a calamity, as no seaming at all can be done until it is grown to the proper length.

#### A NEW PERFUME PROCESS.

MR. ROBERT A. CHESEBROUGH, of vaseline fame, has patented a process for extracting perfumes from flowers. The peculiarity of it is that the flowers are not destroyed, but as they grow the perfume-laden air of the conservatory is drawn through some absorbent, such as spirits, whereby, Mr. Chesebrough says, we obtain a perfume free from the contaminating odours which always accompany plucked or crushed flowers. The apparatus is shown in the subjoined sketches. In fig. 1 we have the plant-enclosure, A, which has a glass top and front, a. The plants are represented



by B, the blower by C, and the receiving-vsesels by D, E, F and G. The height of the liquid in the vessels is represented by a dotted line, the air being discharged from pipes d, e, f, and g. Fig. 2 is a top plan of the enclosure. Here the con-



servatory is represented by H, the enclosures of the flowerbeds by A', the passage-way by a', and the blower and the receiving-vessels by the same letters as in fig. 1.

When the apparatus is to be used it is securely closed and all the parts properly connected; then the blower is set going, and the perfume-charged air heavily laden from the enclosure is first passed through the liquid in the receiver D, which absorbs most of the perfume; then into the next and next, the last receiver G being filled with distilled water, for the purpose of absorbing any alcohol and perfume which may be evaporated from the preceding vessels. When growing plants are employed, the fresh air supplied to the plants and the sunlight through the glass portion of the enclosure will keep the plants in good condition, the necessary moisture being supplied from below, so that the process may be continued throughout the natural life of the plant and the perfume will be of the most delicate nature.

These particulars we take from the patent-specification lodged at the Washington Patent Office; but to what extent the scheme is workable we do not commit ourselves. From a hundred rose-trees it will take a lot of drawing, we judge, to

get a pint of rose-water.

#### AT THE COUNTER.

FLORES ANTHEMIDIS were supplied by a Peckham chemist when "camphor wild flowers" were asked for, and the conf. arom. bottle met the demand for "automatic confession."

"PENNORTH O'NITER BALLS, and d'you ha' to swaller the spettle?" This was asked at the counter of Messrs. Ballaid & Co., Farringdon, Berks.

From Mr. G. E. Crick, Malden, Essex: "Please I want a bottle of your whooping cough emigration."

THE following prescription was dispensed last week in the East Dulwich Road:—

1d. Sweet nitre. 1d. Lumgoajum.

Twopence paid for ingredients; nothing for translation.

This recipe, which reaches us from the Mile End Road, may be of value. It seems to us that in somewhat larger supply it would be as useful "for a sweetheart unkind." "Fa horse unkind 10 drops hetral roses, 10 drops conealed oil lavender, 10 drops nightrea, on half dram swek last of musk."

"AMONGST other inquiries this week," says a Leicester correspondent, "I find the following:—Oil of varments, salts of sorrow, sweet essence of summer, harmonium, everfizzing magnesia. So far it has been plain sailing, but when a lad came in for a pennyworth of hi-tiddley-hi-ti's, I felt nonplussed. Is this some new kind of sweetmeat?"

Mr. W. H. Jehnson, of Salford and Oldham, tells us of a customer whose financial ingenuity is worthy of record. Day after day he sent for the following articles, one being purchased each day:—

				d.
1 oz. bismuth. carb.			 	8
1 cz. liq. potassæ	••		 	1
4 oz. tinct. sennæ co.			 	9
One pennyworth pulv.	tragac.	co.	 	1
207 en ammon arom				6

The prices were quoted from a store list published in the neighbourhood. Having completed these purchases our economical friend then sent back the whole of his medicinal collection with the following prescription:—

Bismuth. carb.	• •		• •		 Sij.
Liq. potasse			• •		 5ij.
Tr. senna co.			• •		 3j.
Pulv. trag. co.			• •		 gr.iv.
Sp. ammon. co.	14	0-0		• •	 3ss.
Aq. menth. pip. a	d				 3vj.
mist. Ess. ter die					-

—with the request to have it made up from that stock, and charge for the trouble.

THE west-end of Princes Street, Edinburgh, is supposed to be enlightened and its habitués cultured. Anyway, it is not long ago that a gentleman entered a pharmacy there, asked for a box of Beecham's pills, and tabled a guinea! The chemist deplores now that he gare a sovereign in change.

At the counter in New Zealand means money. The Wellington correspondent of Chemist and Druggist of Australasia says: A half-caste went to a chemist's shop in Wellington a few days ago and asked for cotton wool to put in his ear. When asked how much he would have, said, "Ob, give me a pound's worth," and, suiting the action to the word, placed a 1l. note on the counter—It is needless to say he contented himself with a much smaller package.

#### Scientific Notes :

On Chemistry, Pharmacy, Botany, Materia Medica, &c. Original, Selected and Translated.

#### MANUFACTURE AND PROPERTIES OF PYROGALLIC ACID.

P. CAZENEUVE has reported to the Academy of Sciences that on adding to gallic acid double its weight of aniline, the mixture congeals abruptly into a mass, with a rise of temperature. On the application of heat aniline pyrogallate is obtained in long, unstable crystals, from which the aniline may be removed by cold benzene and toluene, leaving pure pyrogallol. He also states that the melting-point of pyrogallol is 132° (not corrected), and not 115° as stated by the text-books. Compare with this vol. xl. page 773.

#### ALKALOIDAL REACTIONS.

THE following reactions are described by D. Vitali, and are referred to more fully in the Journal of the Chemical

Society (lxii., page 755):-

Hydrastine, a small crystal, placed on a porcelain capsule and covered with concentrated sulphuric acid (05-1 c.c.), turns yellow, and, on stirring, the liquid acquires the same colour; on adding a small fragment of nitre (an excess must be avoided), the colour changes to a more or less intense brownish yellow. Add solution of stannous chloride drop by drop, and the solution acquires a magnificent reddishviolet colour, the intensity of which depends on the amount of alkaloid present. The coloration is not destroyed on dilution with water.

Beberine turns blood-red when treated similarly with concentrated sulphuric acid and nitre, the colour changing

to green on the addition of stannous chloride.

Codeine turns dark brick-red when alcoholic potash is added to its solution after treatment with nitric acid, and coffee-coloured when further treated with sulphuric acid.

Narcotine acquires an orange colour ou addition of the potash, the colour changing to violet-red ou adding sulphuric acid, and red to yellow on diluting with water.

#### THE ESTIMATION OF URIC ACID IN URINE.

MR. F. GOWLAND HOPKINS, in a paper read before the Royal Society, suggests a process which depends upon the complete insolubility of ammonium urate in saturated solutions of ammonium chloride. The pure chloride is powdered, and added to the sample to complete saturation. After two hours' standing, the whole of the uric acid separates as biurate of ammonium. The urate is then decomposed with hydrochloric acid, and the liberated uric acid determined by any approved method. In contrast to the well-known Fokker-Salkowski process the separation is rapid and complete. Mr. Hopkins has experimented with permanganate solutions for the titration of the separated uric acid, and finds that accurate results may be obtained by their employment. For this purpose the uric acid is dissolved in 100 cc. of water, with a minimum of sodium carbonate, 20 cc. of strong sulphuric acid being then added, and the solution immediately titrated with one-twentieth normal permanganate of potassium. The addition of 20 per cent. sulphuric acid to the previously cooled solution of sodium urate yields just such a temperature (about 60° C.) as is requisite for a determinate reaction. 1 c.c. of the permanganate solution is equal to 0 00375 grm. uric acid.

#### PASTEURISING FOOD.

At a recent meeting of the Amsterdam Royal Academy of Sciences, Professor T. Forster read a paper on the action of heat upon tuberculous matter. According to former investigations, by "Pasteurising" (i.e., warming liquids to a temperature of 60° to 80° C. for a short time and cooling them immediately), bacteria of Asiatic choleia and typhoid fever are killed at about 60°. From a hygienic point of view, it is of still more importance to discover what is the lowest temperature at which the bacilli of tuberculosis are destroyed. It is established that tuberculosis is produced by the consumption of milk secreted by tuberculous cows. Meat also, coming from tuberculous cattle, sometimes contains infectious matter. By boiling-heat, indeed, the bacilli of tuberculosis are killed. But if meat is prepared in the usual manner, even small pieces of it are not warmed thoroughly

at 100° C.; milk, on the other hand, changes in taste if boiled, so that most people do not like boiled milk. By a series of experiments recently made, Professor Forster has settled that the bacilli of tuberculosis are destroyed by a temperature of 60° C. acting during one hour, and by the action during six hours of a temperature of 55° C. Higher temperatures than 60°—for instance, 80°, 90°, or 95° C.—destroy the infectious matter in milk from tuberculous cows, if they act during ten minutes; "Pasteurising," however, at 80° during one minute does not hurt the bacilli of tuberculosis.

OLEUM RUSCI, THE SOURCE OF RUSSIA LEATHER ESSENCE.

MONS. F. VIGIER communicates a note to Repert. de Phar. on "The Oils or Essences of Birch Employed in Medicine," which consists chiefly of a description of birch-bark tar (goudron de bouleau), otherwise known as "Degutt," or "Dagget," and employed in medicine under the names of Oleum betulinum, Ol. rusci, Ol. Russicum, Ol. Moscoviticum, and Ol. Lithuanicum. This tar is made mostly in the provinces of Vladimir, Perm, Viatka, and Kostrovna, in Russia, by a process of rough destructive distillation, the apparatus employed being of a primitive description. A distillation takes twenty-four hours to complete, being commenced at a moderate heat only, which is gradually increased. The tree (Betula alba) is stripped of its bark in May, and the bark is left standing until the month of December, which is the period selected for distillation. It is very difficult to obtain the tar in the pure state, as it is commonly mixed with coniferous tars, from which it differs by the characteristic of retaining its fluidity, on which account (as well as for its odour) it is used for currying leather. Oleum rusci is distinguished chemically by its yielding on distillation a fifteenth of its weight of a peculiar phenol, which possesses the odour of Russia leather; after this part distils over, a large proportion of terebene distils, and the fraction distilling between 250° and 300° is of a very remarkable dichroic character, being of a magnificent red by transmitted, and bright green by reflected light. The tar contains neither acids nor alkaloids, nor any of the benzene hydrocarbons. The tar is imported into Western Europe in barrels of 150 kilos., and there are several factories in Paris and Cannes where it is distilled with water, in order to produce an essence or volatile oil, which is used by glovers and other makers of fancy leather articles for imparting the odour of Russia leather to their goods. The oil is also used to a less extent in perfumery, and the tar has been used therapeutically in the treatment of certain skin-diseases. The essential oil has a brown colour, but on redistillation it is obtained straw coloured, and this redistilled variety is preferred.

#### Gazette.

#### PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Bernstein & Leuty, Crutchedfriars, City, drug and chemical merchants.

Farrar, J. R., and Martin, R. W., under the style of B. Martin,

Southport, horse and cattle medicine makers.

King & Grant, Woburn Sands, Woburn, and Apsley Guise, medical and surgical practitioners.

Mackenzie & Snape, Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, W., general medical practitioners.

Retallack, W., and Blackett, F., under the style of Player & Retallack, Great Russell Street, W.C., and elsewhere, medical electricians.

Tutt & Gravett, Worthing, mineral and acrated-water manufacturers.

Watkins, E., Hawkins, T. F., and Thomas, D. R., under the style of Cousins, Thomas & Oo., Oxford, chemists and druggists.

#### THE BANKRUPTCY ACTS, 1888 AND 1890.

#### RECEIVING ORDER.

Denny, Charles John, Regent Street, W., and Blackwater, Hampshire, physician.

#### ADJUDICATIONS.

Denny, Charles John, Regent Street, W., and Blackwater, physician.

Vincent, John Coombe, Bristol, brush and comb manufacturer.

#### BRITISH AND FOREIGN CONSULS' REPORTS.

#### GREECE.

The Greek official statistics for 1891 have not yet been published. Those for 1890 which our consul at Atheus sends over show a considerable increase in the imports of medicines and perfumery over 1889, but a still larger falling off in the imports of heavy chemicals. The figures showing the imports of pharmaceutical goods into Greece from various countries are as follows:—

Country	Qui	nine	Other drugs and medicines		
Odding	1889	1890	1889	1890	
United Kingdom France Belgium. Germany Au-tria-Hungary Italy	oz. 23,888 24,364 8 <sup>1</sup> 0* 44,280 13,694 13,867	oz. 14,080 720  29,984 25,080 7,363	1bs. 51,000 94,000 51,000 123,000 41,000	1bs. 112,000 119,000 69,000 141,000 43,000	
	120,943	77,230	360,000	484,000	
Country	Soap and p	perfumery	Heavy chemicals and acids		
	1889	1890	1889	1890	
United Kingdom France Belgium Germany Austria-Hungary Italy	1bs. 49,000 36,000 2,000	1bs. 74,000 64,000 2,000	1bs. 2.806,000 3,719,000 203,000 155,000 174,000 255,000	1bs. 2.723,000 394,000 117,000 83,000 150,000 64,000	
	87,000	140,000	7,312,000	3,531,000	

Quinine. I can obtain no explanation, says Consul Elliott, of the great decline in the importation of this drug, except that there must have been an over-importation in 1889. In view of the simultaneous increase under the heading Other medicines and drugs, I surmise that its place may have been taken by antipyrine and similar preparations, but I can obtain no confirmation of this conjecture. It has been suggested to me that sanitation has improved, and this is no doubt true as regards the capital and some other towns; but the bulk of the quinine is consumed in the low-lying country districts. The greatest decline was in the quinine brought from France, the quantity having fallen from 24,364 oz in 1889 to 720 cz. in 1890.

Chemicals. Although including acids, which obtained a reduction of duty, chemicals show a diminution of 45 per cent, the decrease in British imports being, however, only 18 per cent.

Sorp and Perfumery.

A small trade, shows an increase. The duty on high-class soaps is nearly prohibitive, even with the reduction stipulated by the French Convention.

#### JAMAICA.

Manufacture of Lime-juice. The crude lime-juice is obtained either by running the limes through an ordinary cone mill, or by placing them in a squeezer especially adapted to the purpose, which is the simpler and more usual plan.

The juice is then clarified by straining and filtration, when some foreign substance is added to prevent decomposition of the vegetable matter. In this state most of the juice is shipped from the island

In order to concentrate the juice, it is strained from the seed and pulp, placed in a copper battery and boiled on the same principle as sugar, taking care not to scorch or burn it, as that destroys the acid. The more densely the juice is

concentrated the more valuable it is; but it is not advisable to go too far, as it burns easily without forming a crust on the copper. No iron vessel must be used, as the iron turns the acid black.

In the year which ended March 31, 1891, the amount exported was 53,884 gallons, of which 44,492 gallons went to the United Kingdom, 110 to Canada, and 9,282 to the United States

The average valuation in the export list is 20 cents per gallon, but the price for the raw juice ranges from 18 to 30 cents, according to the supply and the demand, while the concentrated juice sells according to the percentage of citric acid it contains.

Substantially the same process is adopted in the manufacture of sour-orange juice, which, when concentrated, is valued at from 45 to 50 cents per gallon. Of this 1,102 gallons, the entire amount manufactured during the period above stated, was exported to the United States.

#### RUSSIA.

The Naphtha larger this year than it has ever been before, and the existing works are scarcely able to cope with the supply. The house of Chibaïev are constructing near their factory in Baku an immense underground reservoir capable of containing 5,000,000 pouds of naphtha. This reservoir is not to be rectangular, but to take the form of a reversed cone or funnel shape. The firm of Nobel are constructing a still larger reservoir, which will have a capacity of 6,000,000 pouds. The walls will be lined with zinc, and the foundation will be a bed of water, to he obtained by boring.

Mud Baths. A curing establishment of very large dimensions is being brought to completion on the shores of the Kujalnik Liman, an excessively salt and shallow lake distant about nine miles from the city of Odessa, where hot and cold mud baths are administered to persons suffering from rheumatism, skin complaints, and other such like diseases. The effects of these baths are reported to be of great value, and they will, no doubt, in time become of world-wide fame.

Quicksilver. The only quicksilver mine, situated in the South-Western part of Russia, near Nikitofka station, on the Kursk-Kharkov-Azov line, Bakhmoot district, in the province of Ekaterinoslav, shows an output of 50,114 tons of ore, or a decrease of 8,404 tons of ore extracted, as compared with 1890. Of this quantity 45,547 tons were kilned, producing 314 tons of quicksilver, 30 tors more than in 1890. At present 350 men are employed, of whom 226 work underground.

The Liquorice More liquorice is exported every year from Industry. And the export seems likely to increase. It is chiefly got in the district lying between Elizavetpol and Hadji Kabul, where it is brought by the natives to depôts established for its reception by the different firms during the winter months, no difficulty being experienced in getting the quantity required. The price to the natives on the spot is about 25s. per ton for green root, and for wood delivered at a railway station 30s. to 32s. per ton. The green root is reckoned to yield about 45 per cent. of dry. With the exception of a few tons all the liquorice exported goes to America.

British Liquorice Works.

In the province of Transcaucasia there are two British factories for the preparation of liquorice-root—those of Mr. Bliss, at Elizavet-pol, and Mr. Urquhart, at Udjari—which are employed in collecting, drying, and pressing by hydraulic presses liquorice-roots. Liquorice-paste, which has begun to be manufactured in Mr. Bliss's factory, and is about to be in that of Mr. Urquhart, has not yet been exported from the Caucasus. The number of hands employed by each factory varies from 50 to 300, according to season, at wages varying from \$2d\$, to \$1s\$. \$2d\$, per diem; and at outside collecting stations some 300 more, the greater number being employed in autumn and spring. This does not include the regular staff of two or three engineers, about six machine hands, twenty to twenty-five clerks, and about sixty hands. Nearly all the inhabitants of the district find employment to do.

<sup>\*</sup> Probably all German quinine.



Notice to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in the section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and corted to suft the demands of the retail trade, causing much labour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

At should also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide.

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#### The London Markets.

ACETANILID.—The price has been lowered to 1s.  $7\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb. in bulk and 1s.  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ . to 2s. 2d. per lb. for bottles, according to quantity and packing.

ACID (CITRIC).—Business was done yesterday at  $1s. 5\frac{1}{2}d$ . per 1b. in the second hand. B.P. acid can no longer be had from the manufacturers at that figure, and ishe ld nominally 1s. 6d. per 1b. The following statistics are certainly noteworthy as an indication of the position of the drug:—

Imports of Lemon-juice into London.

_	1889	1890	1891	1892
August	Pipes	Pipes	Pipes	Pipes
	189	156	74	130
	3,474	2,945	1,516	1,825

Exports of Citric Acid from London.

_	1889	1890	1891	1892
August	Cwt. 411 3,918 1,163 975	Cwt. 712 4,371 1,135 701	Cwt. 355 3,142; 1,150 878	Cwt. 722 5,222

ALCOHOL.—German potato spirit is dull of sale, and offering at 9d. per proof gallon "c.i.f." terms (in bond), for best brands by 2,000 gallon contracts.

ANISE.—The season for star anise in China is now at an end. The new crop is due in October, and is already being offered for shipment at the rate of \$32 per picul. Russian seed is tending rather firmer, with very little on offer.

BALSAM (CANADA).—Prices are very low now, new crop, bright and thick being offered at 1s. per lb. c.i.f. terms (in barrels) from New York.

Balsam Copaira.—No genuine Maranham is at present to be had in New York, and the other varieties are said to be selling rapidly as consignments come in.  $Par\acute{a}$  offers at 1s. 7d. per 1b. c i.f. in 1 cwt. kegs. In Liverpool the available stock of Maranham has recently been cleared at higher rates. Since then some arrivals have taken place, but these have also been sold at 1s. 7d. for cloudy and 1s.  $8\frac{1}{2}d$ . per 1b. for good bright.

Camphor (Refined).—The German makers, it appears, have not followed the recent advance in price of their English colleagues; one of them "has no quotations," another offers at 1s.  $6\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb. net terms.

CANARY-SEED.—A hundred bags Turkish canary-seed sold at 82s. 6d. at the end of last week. Since then the market has been quiet, but very steady, at 85s. to 90s. for Spanish, and 82s. 6d. to 85s. for Turkish.

CARAWAY.—Dutch seed has advanced to 24s. or 24s. 6d. per cwt. ex warehouse for good bright quality. A considerable part of the supply has been secured by speculators, and prices are still tending higher.

CASCARA SAGRADA—An advance is reported to have taken place on the Pacific sea-board, and it is asserted that the best parcels offered from there have been bought up by speculators. This year's crop of fine quality is now offered from New York at 30s. per cwt. c.i.f.; last year's at 34s. per cwt. "c.i.f." terms.

CEVADILLA-SEED continues to advance, and the price of veratrine has thereby been seriously affected.

CHLORATE OF POTASH.—Has advanced considerably during the week. From  $6\frac{5}{8}d$ . up to 7d. per lb. has been paid on the spot here, and  $6\frac{7}{8}d$ . per lb. f.o.b. in Liverpool.

CINCHONA.—The better position of the bark and quinine markets were probably the cause that a rather larger quantity of cinchona than usual was put up for sale on Tuesday. The catalogues comprised:—

			Packages	1	Packa	ges
Ceylon bark		•••	1,214 of	which	1,011	were sold
East Indian bark		•••	284	39	207	,,
Java bark	••		76	"	76	,,
African bark			184	"	184	,,
S. American bark	••		536	99	476	>>
			2,294		1,984	

The small quantities of East Indian, as compared with Ceylon bark, which have been offered recently are accounted for by the fact that our imports of Indian bark take place almost entirely in the first half of the year. African bark has now become quite an institution at our auctions. It keeps coming over in quantities much in excess of the expectations first entertained, and most of it is of fairly good quality, though generally damaged before shipment. At to-day's sales the holders of bark generally were very firm, and about 15 per cent. of the total offered was bought in at high limits. Much of the bark was of good quality, and there were several very good lots of Succirubra and Ledgeriana from Ceylon. The average unit value was slightly above that of our last sales—viz,  $1\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb., and for a few good parcels higher rates were occasionally paid

The following are the approximate quantities purchased by the principal buyers:—

,	and principles is all our .	
		Lbs.
	Agents for the Mannheim and Amsterdam works	171,518
	" Stuttgart and Frankfort-o/Main	
	works	60,707
	Messrs. Howards & Sons	37,518
	Agents for the Brunswick factory	31,335
	,, Paris (Pelleticr) factory	24,090
	,, American and Italian works	22,259
	,, Auerbach factory	21,876
	Sundry druggists	23,355
	Total quantity sold	392,658
	Bought in or withdrawn	72,225
	m . 1	104 007
	Total quantity offered	464,833

It should be well understood that the quantity of bar purchased affords very little clue to the quantity of sulphat of quinine represented by the purchases of each firm. Th following prices were paid for sound bark:—

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CEYLON CINCHONA.— Original.—Red varieties: Ordinar woody to fine bright quilly stem and branch chips,  $1\frac{3}{4}d$ . to  $3\frac{1}{2}d$ .; one parcel, 4d.; dull chips and shavings mixed,  $1\frac{3}{4}d$ . good to fine strong shavings,  $2\frac{1}{4}d$ . to 4d.; dust,  $1\frac{1}{4}d$ . to  $1\frac{3}{4}d$  per lb. Grey varieties: Very thin and poor to good strong quilly stem and branch chips,  $1\frac{3}{4}d$ . to 4d.; dusty root,  $3\frac{1}{4}d$  per lb. Yellow varieties: Dull small and dust branch chips, 3d. to 4d.; good strong quilly branch and ster chips,  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $6\frac{1}{4}d$ .; good bright root,  $6\frac{3}{4}d$ .; dust, 2d.; broke quill,  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ . jow Calisaya chips, 1d. to  $1\frac{1}{4}d$ . Hybrid varieties: Ordinary to fair quilly stem chips, 2d. to  $3\frac{1}{2}d$ .; fair root,  $3\frac{1}{4}d$ . to  $4\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb. Renewed.—Red varieties: Goot of fine quilly branch and stem chips,  $2\frac{3}{4}d$ . to 4d.; ditt spokeshavings,  $2\frac{1}{4}d$ . to  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ . per lb. Common weak to fin strong quilly grey stem chips,  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . to 7d. per lb. Fair the bright yellow stem chips,  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . to 9d. per lb. Hybrid stem chips,  $3\frac{1}{2}d$ . to 4d. per lb.

EAST INDIAN CINCHONA.—Original: Partly damaged dull quilly mixed chips,  $1\frac{3}{4}d$ . to 2d.; damaged root, 2d. per lb. Dull to fair quilly grey stem and branch chips,  $2\frac{3}{4}d$ . to  $3\frac{1}{4}d$ .; damaged ditto,  $1\frac{1}{3}d$ . to 2d.; dusty root, 3d. per lb. Fair yellow stem chips,  $4\frac{1}{3}d$ . to  $5\frac{3}{4}d$ . per lb. Hybrid chips,  $2\frac{3}{4}d$ . per lb. Renewed red stem chips, 3d. per lb. Good quilly grey stem and branch chips, 6d. to 7d. per lb.

JAVA CINCHONA.—Yellow dusty stem chips, 34d. to 4d.;

good ditto shavings, 6d. per lb.

AFRICAN CINCHONA.—Bold, partly broken, and irregular red quill, 3d. to  $3\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb.; damaged ditto,  $1\frac{2}{4}d$ . to  $2\frac{3}{4}d$ . per lb.

SOUTH AMERICAN CINCHONA.—Cultivated Bolivian Calisaya, in rather irregular brown to fine bold silvery quill,

 $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $8\frac{1}{2}d$ .; chips,  $3\frac{3}{4}d$ . per lb.

The total exports of einchona from Java during the month of August were 490,000 Amsterdam lbs., against 678,000 lbs. in August, 1891. The following results of sales show the general tendency of the auctions:—

					Pe	r cent. s.	2.	Per lb.
20	bales	Original	succirubra	shavi	ngs	1.46	sold at	$1_{4}^{3}d.$
13	29	,,	,,	stem	chips	1.40	13	$1_{*}^{3}d.$
29	"	,,	officinalis -	chips		2.22	,,	3d.
21	,,	11	succirubra	,,	••	2.32	37	3d.
<b>3</b> 3	33	Renewed	officinalis	99	••	3.61	,,	$4^{3}_{1}d.$
15	22	"	succirubra	а,,	••	2.52	,,	<b>4</b> d.

CLOVES.—Zanzibar cloves for shipment have been a little firmer this week, with sales at  $2\frac{6}{3}d$ . per lb. for January-March shipment. At auction Zanzibar cloves were quiet but steady with small sales at  $2\frac{7}{16}d$ . to  $2\frac{1}{3}d$ . per lb. for medium to fair. Common to good picked Java sold at  $4\frac{1}{3}d$ . to  $6\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb.

COCAINE.—Manufacturers are now willing to accept 18s. per oz. for hydrochlorate in bulk.

COCA-LEAVES.—Fine green *Truxillo* are being offered from New York as low as 1s. 4d. per lb. c.i.f. terms. Further arrivals of 49 bales of Java coca-leaves have taken place at Amsterdam.

COCOA BUTTER.—At the monthly auctions on Tuesday 300 2-cwt. cases of Cadbury's cocoa butter sold at an advance of 1d. to  $1\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb., from  $13\frac{1}{6}d$ . to  $14\frac{1}{6}d$ . per lb. being paid.

COPPER (SULPHATE).—Flat and easier. Good brands may now be bought at 14l. 7s. 6d. per ton in London, or at 14l. 10s. per ton f.o.b. Liverpool.

CORIANDER.—There has been a somewhat better demand for coriander-seed, and holders are not willing to accept less than 8s. 6d. per cwt. ex warehouse.

CUBEBS.—Sixty bags were imported in the *Benalder* from Singapore this week, and ten in another vessel.

CUMIN.—Morocco seed remains neglected, and is obtainable at low prices. Malta seed, however, is scarce and dear, particularly for good quality.

DAMIANA-LEAVES.—In New York there is scarcely any stock left, and the new crop is not due till January. Meanwhile from  $9\frac{1}{2}d$ . to 12d. per lb. is quoted for commou to fine green, and much higher prices are likely to prevail before long.

ERGOT OF RYE.—The market is still irregular, but the general opinion appears to be that there is a fair prospect of an early and strongly-marked turn for higher prices. There are sellers of good Spanish at 2s. 6d. per lb., and of old German and Belgian at 2s. 2d. per lb. on the spot. Some new crop Russian ergot, we hear, is being offered at 2s. 6d. per lb., c.i.f. from Odessa, shipment any time up to November.

GLYCERINE.—Prices are still falling, and the makers agents now offer double-distilled (German), S.G. 1,260, at 44s. per cwt., perhaps 43s. for quantities.

GUM ARABIC.—Although genuine Soudan sorts are now coming in more freely in Liverpool, holders are disposed to be firm. From 77s. 6d. to 85s. per cwt. has been paid. Senegal gum has sold in Liverpool at 55s. per cwt., but for delivery sellers would be willing to make a reduction in price. For Brown Barbary 40s. has been accepted, and in Niger arabic business is dull.

HONEY.—It is said that the new crop of *Californian* honey, which is now being shipped from San Francisco, is of exceptionally fine quality, but not very large. Choice white new season is offered at 44s. c.if. from New York, or 39s. c.if. (Sailer) from San Francisco.

INDIGO.—Estimates of the new season's indigo crop in British India place the output in Lower Bengal at 14,060 maunds, against 30,814 maunds in 1891. This result, it i said, is almost the worst on record. The Behar crop is not likely to be more than half of that of 1891, the North-West will be about the same, and the Benares yield may show a slight excess.

IPECACUANHA.—It is said that there are no sellers now at "any reasonable rates"; 7s. per lb. may still procure a barely fair seron or two of Rio root, but most of those who have anything to sell want 7s. 6d. per lb. Our stock of Cartagena is nearly all owned by one holder, and he asks 6s. per lb.

JABORANDI-LEAVES.—Good green leaves are scarcely to be had. *Pilocarpine* has been raised to 44s. per cz. by manufacturers.

JUNIPER BERRIES.—The new season has opened in Italy at very low prices—viz, 5s. per cwt., f.o.b. Leghorn, and business has been done at these quotations. The cause of the present low range of prices lies partly in the fact that France, where large quantities of this article formerly found an outlet, is now closed against the drug by a prohibitory duty.

LIME-JUICE.—The arrivals of lime-juice from the West Indies remain rather heavy, over 120 puncheons having been received this week. There are at present sellers, but no buyers, of fair quality at 1s. 4d. per gallon on the spot.

OIL (CASTOR).—Italian oil is offered at 36s. 3d. per cwt., f.o.b. Leghorn, for extra fiore tasteless Italian; and at 33s. 3d. per cwt., f.o.b., for extra fiore water-white, September October steamer shipment. "A fair business" (says a Calcutta correspondent, writing on August 16) "has been done at a slight decline, the market closing firmer."

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—Oil of Star anise is a little cheaper, business having been put through at 5s. 5d. per lb. c.i.f. for arrival, a price which was recently refused. The crop of Rosemary in Spain has been a good one, and the price is now low—3s. per lb.—while Dalmatian oil may be had at 1s.  $4\frac{1}{3}d$ . to 1s. 10d. per lb. according to quality. The prices of French oil of Lavender and Spike are rising, the news of the almost total loss of the crop, which we gave several weeks ago, being fully confirmed. Turkish geranium oil is dearer, and held for 10s. per lb.; for foreign oil of Coriander, 19s. per lb. would be taken (which is lower), and oil of Cubels has followed, to some extent, the decline of the raw material, and is offering at 19s. per lb. For French oil of Pennyroyal 3s. 6d. per lb. is now wanted, and in America hardly any is to be had at present. The price quoted from New York is 10s. 6d. per lb. English-drawn Sandal-wood oil may be had at lower prices—viz, 15s. 6d. per lb. English-drawn Dillsced oil has been reduced in price.

OIL (OLIVE).—We hear from Leghorn that that market keeps very firm on account of the damage done to the growing crop. At present there is not much demand, but higher rates are generally expected as the season proceeds.

OIL (PEPPERMINT).—There has been a good deal of business done this week in American (HGH) oil for arrival at 12s. per lb., ci.f. terms. On the spot the market showed a tendency to greater firmness early this week, when 12s. per lb. was the quotation; but the tone is now decidedly easier, and there are sellers (but no buyers to-day) at 12s. 9d. per lb. Messrs. Schoellkopf, Hartford & Maclagan write from New York, under date of August 25:—"The new crop is now being distilled. In Wayne co. it will be above the average, and in quality will be very fine. In Michigan, where the great bulk of the oil is produced, the crop will fall short of last year, but not to any great extent. As to quality, it will also be superior, for, as Japan oil is practically shut out by the duty of 3s. 4d. per lb., this season's oil from Michigan will be much purer than Michigan oil used to be. In fact, this year it will be a difficult matter to distinguish Wayne co. from Michigan oil. As to price, we firmly believe that no

decline from quotations lately ruling would have been seen had it not been for the large speculator, who nsed to be the great 'bear,' but who for the past two years has been a 'bull,' and tried to control and 'corner' the HGH brand, tnrning 'bear' again this week, and sacrificing his large holdings of Hotchkiss at from 11s. 6d. down to 11s The forcing on the market of from 500 to 800 cases of HGH has, of course, completely demoralised the position; and at present there is no knowing what the result will be. Lower prices, however, seem inevitable."

OPIUM.—This has been a very quiet week for opium so far as the London market is concerned, and the only business reported in Turkey is a little soft shipping at prices ranging up to 8s. 6d. per lb. There are also some few orders for druggists' opium abont, but they have not yet been executed. Persian is very difficult to obtain, and holders have raised their pieces in some instances to 10s. per lb. for fine quality. A Smyrna letter of September 3, which comes to hand as we go to press, says that the purchases for account of the Dutch Government are expected to commence in a few days, and the large holders hope that prices will then advance. The course of the Smyrna opium market during the month of August is thus described:—"With an active trade prices have advanced from 5d. to 6d. per lb. during the month. This rise originated in speculative and obligatory purchases, but was afterwards maintained by direct orders, owing to the improved position of the drug in the consuming markets. During the second half of the month, however, there has been less business doing; and although our dealers are still very tenacious, some small holders have consented to a reduction of 1d. per pound on last week's prices, which were for new Yerli opium 7s. 6d. per 1o.; Karahissar, 7s. 2d. per lb.; Yerli talequale, 7s. per lb.; current ditto, 6s. 8d. per lb.; sightly ditt, 6s. 9d. per lb.; and old selected ditto, 6s. 9d. per lb. (all prices f o.b., and loss in weight included). Should bnyers continue to keep off a few days longer, the price may recede another penny or two on these quotations."

ORRIS.—We hear from Loghorn, nader date of September 3, that "the position of the market is unchanged, sellers and buyers being unable to come to terms; but we are still of opinion that the former must give way, and think that next week business will be practicable." Owners of newcrop root, which is just about to come to market now, are asking high prices; but until business has actually taken place the position remains very uncertain. The Verona crop is said to be small this season.

QUICK-SILVER.—Remains fairly steady without much alteration at 6l. 7s. 6d. per bottle from the importers and 6l. 6s. in the second-hand.

QUININE. — There is not much trade passing on the spot, and though one hears daily of business having been done, it is impossible to trace most of these so called sales. For German bulk in second hand 9 ad per oz. has been paid on the spot, and  $9\frac{3}{4}d$ . for December delivery, while for January 10d. per oz. is asked. The manufacturers' prices are unchanged.

RHUBARB is still arriving much in excess of the requirements. This week's imports amounted to 125 cases.

Salicine -Rather lower, and dull of sale.

SCAMMONY-ROOT. - 1 parcel of 30 bales sold in Liverpool lately at 27s. 6d. per cwt.

SHELLAC.—The spot and speculative markets have been firm, with only a little business however. Orange lac has been sold at 83s 6d. for September TN, and 84s. 6d. for October TN, with buyers rather than sellers at those figures. Atauction on Tuesday 1,323 cases were offered, of which 790 sold, (two thirds "without reserve") with excellent competition at steady prices for second orange Fine orange was somewhat arregular; button dult and sluggish of sale. The following prices were paid: —ASSL orange, fair pale but caker, 86s. to 89 per cwt.; second orange, unworked fair to good pale flat, 81s to 84s.; broken livery to fair flat reddish, 79s. to 82s; ordinary first button, 90s.; good seconds, 87s. to 88s; resinous thirds and blocky fourths from 74s. to 40s, per cwt Since the sales there has been a good private

near at hand, and September-October shipment at 8 per cwt. c.i.f terms, and for TN November and December 1. delivery 84s. 6d. has been paid.

SILVER NITRATE.—Steady at 2s. 12d. per oz for pure.

SODA ACETATE firm and scarce for immediate deliver although offering at somewhat lower rates for future sh ment; on the spot 181. 5s. has been paid.

Spermaceti.—American refined has been sold at 1s.

SUGAR OF MILK is lower. White crystals or power 68s. 6d. per cwt.

TEA .- The China market is a dragging one and there but little fresh to report. Dealers find the country dema very slow, and retailers appear to be using Congons m and more sparingly in their plends. Pamgongs under are very cheap, and cught to sell readily enough, but th are out of fashion, and it looks as if there would be a surf of almost all but finest Congous this year. Assams firmer for lower grades, and the terminal market ladvanced several points. In sale there has been good congount of the cong petition for common Assams and Ceylons alike, and a cinctly better tone. Fine Assam Pekoes are cheaper, any stand-out liquoring broken Assam and Ceylon Pek are wanted and very firm.

TONQUIN BEANS—In London the market is quiet, a bold black Angosturas are offering at 6s to 6s. 2d. per l while Parás are quoted at 1s. 3d to 1s. 9d. for ordinary for mixed: and at 2s. to 2s. 9d. for fair black to fine frost About August 20. eight tons of new crop Angostura beautiful and the state of arrived in New York and were all sold, it is said, at parity of 10s. per lb. to local consumers. The new Parity of 10s. crop is due in the conrse of the present month, meanwh holders are firm at 2s. 10d c.i.f. for frosted, and 1s. per lb. for ordinary black beans.

TURMERIC.—There have been small sales of Bengal fing at 20s., and of fair bulby mixed China at 18s. per cwt.

VANILLA.—Reports from Mauritius say that there was stock left in the island on August 11, and add that "t article will be very scarce this year."

WAX (CARNAUBA) - Yellowish wax is reported to ha been sold at 50s. per cw. in Liverpool.

WAX (JAPAN).—There are now sellers of good pale square at 37s. per cwt.

#### Thursday's Market News.

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., September &

Business has been fairly brisk this week, b London. without any such sudden alterations in price signalised the last days of August. The advance in dis fectants is still fairly well maintained, but signs are rwanting that it will be of short duration. Chlorate potash has suddenly experienced a strong rnn, due to t discovery that supplies had run very short. Citric acid is trifle firmer, and so is quinine. Permanganate potash and carbolic acid maintain their advant bleaching-powder is even a little dearer still. Sog of milk is rather cheaper, and we notice that amo the minor chemicals the following have recently undergo price modifications in the manufacturers' lists :- Higher pilocarpine, veratrine, thymol crystals, all lithium prepartions, antimon. tart and hydrokinone. Lower: Soda hyp sulph., crude antimony, amyl nitrate, benzoate of ammoniu barium nitrate, bromide of sodium, sulphonal, acetanilid a chloride of zinc. Methyl. ether is also lower. In drugs t princical alterations are in camphor, which is again a lit higher in some positions, though lower in others; ipeca which has further advanced, and peppermint oil (HGH), which a large business has been done. Cinchona has slight improved in value. Manna is likely to be at famine price Chamomiles and saffron are dearer, and so are cases sagrada and damiana-leaves. New valerian-root is offering at lower rates. Lime-juice is dull and easier. In essenti demand for garnet AC, of which 200 cases have been sold at oils, star-anise, coriander, and cubeb oils are lower, penn 75s. per cwt. cash terms. Button lac has sold for arrival, royal, lavender, Turkish geranium, and lemon higher, price. In outside articles there is little change. Gambier is dearer, shellac fairly steady, pepper, chillies, soy, and cocoa butter higher. Arabic gums are irregular, and mostly easier. Nutmegs and mace are lower. Gnm olibauum, sulphate of copper, linseed oil, rape oil, and cotton oil are also easier.

The Bank rate keeps unaltered at 2 per cent. Bar silver is worth  $33\frac{1}{3}d$ . per oz. to day. The Bombay exchange is 1s.  $2\frac{1}{3}d$ ; Calcotta, 1s.  $2\frac{5}{3}d$ ; and Shanghai, 3s.  $9\frac{5}{3}d$ .

Liverpool. We are informed by our Liverpool correspondent that the advance in canary-seed has been temporarily arrested. Bleach is running up nimbly, and seems likely to become dearer still. All Sierra Leone chillies have been cleared off the market. Quillaia is still coming in, and shows no improvement in value. Gninea grains are also lower, with fresh arrivals. Chlorate of potash is dearer, and only obtainable in second-hands now. Castor oil keeps dull, and beeswax remains firm.

New York. Our New York correspondent, writing under date of August 31, states that the tone of the market is good, and that there is a general upward tendency in drugs and chemicals, which in several lines finds expression in slight advances. The cholera scare has caused some of the Carbolic-acid dealers to decline orders for the present on the ruling basis, which has advanced to 13c. in drums, in anticipation of an unusually heavy demand. This expectation is justified by the preliminary circular of warning and instructions promulgated this morning by the City Board of Health. In these instructions carbolic acid is the only disinfectant mentioned, to the great disappointment, no doubt, of the agents of the various proprietary disinfectants. Lysol, by the way, has had quite a good reading notice in the way of a cable from Vienna quoting the Austrian Board of Health as giving a most favourable report as to its value in cholera. The cable appeared in several of the dailies. Peppermint oil forms the most striking exception to the generally firm tone of the market, and is unsettled, at \$250 for HGH \$230, for Wayne county bulk, and \$215 for Western bulk. The tendency of the market, however, is rather towards firmness, and the tone is somewhat better than at last writing. Sassafras cil is scarce, and hardly ob'ainable, at 38c. Prime grades of senega are held in the country at about 301c., equal to 32c. spot; and here 32c. to 37c. is quoted, but no business reported. Mexican sarsaparilla continues scarce and firm, at 162. to 17c. Golden seal is quiet, at 23c. Jalap is jobbing at 33c. to 35c., with no export business reported. ported. Balsam tolu is in good supply, and the demand exceedingly limited. The last sales from first hands were at  $22\frac{1}{2}$ c. The European flower crops are engaging attention, and the usual bull reports are being actively circulated. Angostura tonquin beans are reported in first hands, though it is related in some quarters that about 30,000 lbs. are still at primary sources and will come forward. On the spot jobbing lots fetch \$225 to \$250, according to holder and quality. Vanilla beans are active in a jobbing way at steady Opium is in good demand, with sales this week of about 30 cases at \$162\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$165, and the market has strengthened to \$165 as bottom. This week some 60,000 oz. of foreign Quinine has sold at 18½ c to 18¾ c. in bulk. Nitrate of silver has declined to 53c to  $54\frac{1}{2}c$ . Quick i'ver is easier, with sellers at 54c. Cubeb-oil declined to \$325. Shellac is moving better at improved prices. Ipecae is slightly firmer at \$160 Celery-seed is offering to arrive at  $8\frac{1}{2}c$ ; spot stocks are limited, and 17c. is asked. Russiau products are generally very firm in tone. The market is reported to be practically bare of Russian Cantharides, which are nominally quoted at 85c. to 90c. per lb. About 1,500 lbs. of German Ergot of rye have sold at 55c. per lb.; Spanish is held at 60c. to 70c. per lb. Lycopodium has been sold at 413c., since when an offer of 42c. has been refused. Citric acid has been reduced  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. per lb. by the makers. Cream of tartar is unsettled owing to competition between the domestic manufacturers. Spermaceti has advanced 1c. per lb. and is now held for 32c. to 33c. for block, and 33c. to 34c. for cake.

ACID (CARBOLIO) is still as scarce as ever on the spot, and for 95 to 98 per cent liquid acid from 2s 3d. to 2s. 6d. is the quotation; one maker, we believe, has been as high as 2s. 9d., but has since come down a little; for early delivery, however, it is possible to buy at 2s. Crystals, 39° to 40°, are

quoted at  $6\frac{1}{4}d$ . to  $6\frac{1}{2}d$ .; 31° to 35°, for immediate delivery, at  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ ., which is slightly dearer.

ACID (TARTARIC).—The market remains very dull at  $12\frac{1}{2}d$ . for English B P. acid; and from  $11\frac{1}{4}d$ . to  $11\frac{1}{2}d$ . for other qualities in second-hand.

BLEACHING-POWDER is still very scarce on the spot, at 101. 5s. to 101. 10s. per ton in casks. In Liverpool to-day's quotation is 91. 15s. f.o.b., at which business is said to have been done.

CAMPHOR (CRUDE).—The market is firm but quiet on the spot, 145s. being asked for Japan and 122s. 6d. for ditto August-September shipment. China camphor on the spot has advanced to 140s., and for early arrival 122s. 6d. c.i.f. is quoted, which is rather lower.

CAMPHOR (REFINED).—The German agents will still sell at 1s.  $6\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb, net, to-day, but they say that they are not sure that that will be the price to-morrow.

CHAMOMILES.—Belgian flowers have advanced in price. For finest quality of the current crop 67s. 6d per  $c\pi t$ . is now asked (3s. more than last week), and for ordinary dark to fair quality from 50s. to 55s. per cwt.

CHILLIES are firm, with more inquiry. Common Zanzibars have sold privately at 35s. per cwt.

Chlorate of Potash.—There has been quite a rush of orders, and purchases especially for American account have been very heavy. On the spot 7d, has been paid here and  $7\frac{1}{4}d$ , is now wanted; in Liverpool sales have also been made at  $6\frac{\pi}{3}d$ , per lb., f.o.b. Liverpool, from now up till the end of the year. The manufacturers are said to be over-sold, and to-day 7d, f.o.b., Liverpool is asked.

CREAM OF TARTAR.—Dull at 85s. for powder and 83s. 6d. per cwt. for best white French crystals.

CUMIN-SEED—A considerable quantity of Malta seed soldlast week at 42s. 6d., and since then 45s. has been paid. It is expected that prices will rise further.

GALLS — China galls have sold at 52s. 6d. per cwt. on the spot for fair quality.

GUM ARABIC .- At to-day's auctions very large quantities were offered. The demand for East Indian gums was rather poor except for siftings, which sold well, while Ghatti gumwas also steady. Common to fair soft Cawnpore Amrad drcp brought from 29s. to 32s; ordinary red to fine pale Kurrachee, 32s. 6d. to 60s.; common to good pale siftings from 21s. to 30s. Ghatti sold at from 20s, 6d. to 53s. for common and dark to fine pale. Australian gum brought from 19s. to 30s. 6d. for common dark to good frosted red; small to good soft bold ambery mixed and pale Cape gum sold at from 43s. to 57s., and good to fire siftings at 35s. to 42s.; very good clean amber Mogadore sorts realised only 75s. to-day, which is rather easier; brown Barbary is worth from 47s. to 52s, for good to fine quality. Gennine Soudan sorts of new import are now offering at 75s. per cwt, but it is expected that that price will hardly be maintained, as there are said to be large quantities on the way to this country, and about 1,200 packages have recently arrived in Trieste.

IPECACUANHA.—Rio root does not seem to be quite so firm to day. Sales have been made at 7s. 2d. to 7s. 3d. per 1b. for fair stout, but there are now selers at 7s. per 1b. for fair quality. For fine plump Cartageni root 6s. per 1b. is said to have been paid, which is comparatively a very high price.

MANNA—We hear that the new crop has not yet arrived on the market in Italy, and what there is of it is not expected until the middle of September. The rains have spoiled the greater part of the harvest, and the Gerace manna is an entire failure. The weather is still said to be very rainy, and this leaves little hope that anything will be saved. Quotations are mostly nominal: one firm here quotes from 241. to 241. 10s. per cwt, c.if. terms, for bold new manna.

MERCURIALS.—There has been no change in the price. Vermilion is now quoted at from 2s. 2d. to 2s. 4d, according to quantity.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—Star anise oil has sold at 6s. per lb. on the spot and at 5s. 5d. per lb. c.i f. to arrive. The last

available lot of French Pennyroyal oil on the spot has been sold at 5s. 6d. per lb. Italian oils are dearer; for Bergamot 10s. f.o.b. was the last price paid. In Lemon a very fair business has been done, and now the increased price of 9s. per lb. f.o.b. is asked. Menthol keeps steady at 9s. 9d. to 10s. per lb. Further sales of about 50 cases HGH Peppermint oil, at 12s. landed terms, for shipment, are reported to-day. Wayne County sells at 10s. 3d. per lb. in London. English oil of peppermint is easier. The season opened at 32s., bnt from 29s. to 30s. per lb. would buy now. Lavender, however, is very dear, and holders ask from 52s. to 55s. per lb. for it. French lavender is a very small crop this season.

PERMANGANATE OF POTASH continues to be exceedingly scarce on the spot, and those who cannot wait must (and do) pay 85s. for small and 90s. for large crystals, to second-hand holders. But the combination agents are hurrying forward supplies at 75s. to 80s. (for 10-cwt. lots) for small and large crystals, and when these arrive the second-hand people's innings will be cut short.

QUICKSILVER is slow of sale at 6l. 7s. 6l. from the importers, and 6l. 6s. in second-hands.

SAFFRON has gone up to 26s. 6d. or 27s. 6d. per lb. for good Valencia, 25s. to 26s. per lb. for second quality, and 18s. per lb. for Alicante. The agents say that they expect a further advance of at least 50 per cent. before the end of the year, as the acreage planted this year has been much smaller than in 1891.

Sov.—China is a little firmer privately, and 1s. 3d. per gallon has been paid on the spot.

VALERIAN-ROOT.—For old root as much as 58s. 6d. per cwt. has lately been paid, and there is now no more to be had. The new crop is offering at from 37s. 6d. to 38s. 6d. for delivery at the end of this month, and at 34s. for delivery at the end of October. The harvest is said to be a small one, and prices are not expected to fall below the opening rates.

#### THE LIVERPOOL MARKET.

BLEACHING-POWDER. — In consequence of the active demand the makers have advanced the price almost daily, and now 9l.~10s. is asked in softwood casks. There is every prospect of higher prices.

CANABY-SEED.—There is a temporary lull in the advance in this article, but 82s. 6d. to 85s. is still the value of good bright seed, both Spanish and Turkish. A parcel of 117 bags of River Plate offered at auction to-day, and failed to get even a bid in consequence of its unsatisfactory condition.

CHLORATE OF POTASH.—This has steadily advanced during the week, and now only second-hand parcels are to be obtained at 7d.

COLOGYNTH.—A parcel of fine bold apples has been sold at 1s. per cwt.

OIL (CASTOR).—This is still flat, and moves off slowly at  $2\frac{7}{8}d$ . to  $2\frac{7}{16}d$ . for good seconds Calcutta, while  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $2\frac{9}{16}d$ . is asked for first pressure French.

GUINEA GRAINS continue to arrive steadily, and as low as 20s. has been accepted for a small lot of good seeds.

QUILLAIA.—There have been further arrivals, and value of good thin bark ranges from 16l. to 16l. 10s.

WAX (BEES').— Chilian remains firm at 7l, to 7l, 10s. for yellow, and 6l, 10s, to 6l, 15s. for grey. A small parcel of fine yellow Brazilian offers at 7l, 2s. 6d.

#### THE SMYRNA OPIUM MARKET.

(Telegram from our Correspondent.)

SMYRNA, September 7.

CONTRARY to general expectation, our market has been well sustained this week. Manufacturers' agents have bought 30 cases, for which they have been obliged to pay full prices—viz., the parity of 6s. 5d. per lb., f.o.b., for ordinary kind of old manufacturing talequale, and 6s. 4d. per lb., f.o.b., for new crop ditto.

#### LONDON DRUG STATISTICS.

THE following figures refer to the stocks of drngs in the port of London on Angust 31, 1892 and 1891, and to the inports and deliveries during the first eight months of the years 1892 and 1891.

yours 2002 and 2002										
Article	Sto	oks	Impo	rted	Delivered					
Article	1892	1891	1892	1891	1892	1891				
Alcesos & pkgs ,gourds Anise, starohts Arrowrootoks ,, bxs & tins Balsams .oks, &c.	6,432 1,077 197 7,408 417 1,853	7,476 1,249 98 6,312 1,576 2,248	2,009 304 13,708 1,395 1,063	1,458 315 425 10,747 690 1,129	2,679 28 149 9,228 1,931 764	3,717 241 374 11,319 1,249 1,049				
Bark (Oinchena), S.American cases bls, &c. E.I., Ceylon, and	58 25,183	383 25,963	27 8,735	21 7,831	341 10,043	8,059				
Javacs ,, bls, &c. Beraxpkgs	256 18,484 261	319 24,447 261	215 24,310	486 30,237 55	247 27,838	450 30,06				
Calumba ,, Camphor ,, Cardamomschts Cocc. Ind. bgs, &c. Creamof Tartar oks	713 3,396 679 1,032	715 5,611 470 552 16	530 5,158 2,146 1,098 5 297	123 7,344 1,396 483 16	464 6,089 1,911 556 5	7,33 1,54 15				
Cubebsbgs Cutchtns Dragon's Blood chts Galls, Chinacs Trky & Prsn. sks Gambiertns	2,976 123 1,715 3,308 602	90 2,879 110 2,266 4,064 969	2,422 2,06 1,994 3,125 7,487	106 1,665 129 1,231 8,010 6,432	316 1,815 176 1,908 2,110 8,379	25 1,70 11 1,58 7,44 6,37				
Gums- Ammoniac pkgs	218	49	278	15	142	2				
Animi & Copal pkgs Arabic	10,688	15.915	10,040	8,123 16,538	10,550 19,094 457	11,33 17,05				
Asafætida, Benzoin, Damar, Galbanum,	2,481 4,109 31	3,072 5,042	3,001	2,390 2,693 39	2,326 3,223 5	2,23				
Gamboge	187 242 7 1,350	165 10 1,160	360 166 10 2,344	170 341 14	208 51 20	1,99				
Masticpage Myrrh, Olibanum, Sandarao, Tragacanth Guttaperchatns *Indiarubber,E.I., Madagascar .,	5,211 1,061	441 6,175 491 4,928 2,513 362 122	178 6,823 1,444 3,910 1,481 550 243	531 6,711 1,057 4,556 1,792 790 221 164	5,810 817 5,237 1,334 578 205 152	51 4,99 76 5,01 1,33 61				
African, &c. ,, Ipeoac cks & bgs Jalap bls Lac Dye chts Nux Vemica pkgs Oils—	195 295	2 3 1 2 7 5 7 2 5,032	265 1,641 317 3,048	787 179 1,241	319 67 1,875	1,1				
Castorcks ,,cs Ceoca-nuttns Olivecks, &o. Palmtns	2,171 1,639 1,267	3,294 2,478 1,213	2,318 2,361 2,117 56	530 5,755 4,667 3,351 34 628	3,544 2,709 1,624 71	4,3 3,3 2,7				
Rhubarbchts Safflowerbls, &c. Sarsaparillabls Sennabls., &c.	136 361	278 190	826 826	648	135 794	2,7				
Shellac, Orange chts, &c. Garnet. ,, Button. ,,	1	25.740 3,126	11.623	5,448	6,539	27,5 6,3 7,4				
Total chts, &c.	39,695	35,052	38,324	33,868		41,3				
Sticklao chts, &c. Turmeric, Beng.tns Madras, &c,		710	18		. 399	1,8 4 3				
Tctaltns	361	1	1							
Vermilion, ohts, &c Wax, bees'brls &		1								
sks & or caker	1,831 1,465 42	830	1 2,030	1,144	1,526	1,1				
* Tiverpoolstock · Pará 582 tons, other sorts 814 tons; total 1,398										

<sup>\*</sup> Liverpool stock: Para 582 tons, other sorts 814 tons; total 1,398 against 2,182 tons last year and 503 tons in 1890.



#### Memoranda for Correspondents.

Always send your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless you wish: if you do not, please use a distinctive nom-de-plume.

Write on one side of the paper only; and devote a separate piece of paper to each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing about other matters at the same time,

If you send us newspapers, please mark what you wish us to read.

Ask us anything of pharmaceutical interest: we shall do our best to reply.

Before writing for formulæ consult the last volume, if you have it.

Letters, queries. &c., will be attended to in the order received.

#### Opium Questions.

SIR,—Permit me to correct a very obvious error in my letter of last week. The last line should read—

"Marc contained 16 per cent. of morphia."

It is clear that the total alkaloidal content must be the sum of the weight actually obtained and of that assumed to have been carried off in solution.

Yours very obediently,

Dover, Sept. 2.

J. F. BROWN.

SIR,—In your issue of August 27 Mr. Linford and Mr. J. C. Umney both give their views on tr. opii BP., and from their letters I gather that the sole object to be aimed at is the correct percentage of morphine which the tincture ought to contain—granting that the process used shall thoroughly and completely exhaust the marc. If the morphine percentage is the only consideration, have we not liq. morph. hydroch. of a definite alkaloidal strength?

But does not the therapeutic value of tr. opii depend in no inconsiderable measure on the other constituents of the gum? This being so, I venture to suggest that we are not justified in curtailing the quantity of opium or in augmenting that of proof spirit simply to adjust the strength of morphine to '75 per cent. The process I usually follow for the exhaustion of the opium is essentially the same as that used by Mr. Linford, but instead of adjusting the strength after the tincture is made, I estimate the percentage of morphine in the dried opium, using as a diluent powdered opium of a very low morphine value (4 per cent. only), so that I have a powdered opium of 10 per cent. strength, and at the same time a tincture containing in full the other alkaloids and extractive matter of the B.P. quantity of gum opium.

G. F. Merson.

20 West Grainger Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

#### "Molecule's" Plan of Campaign.

SIR,—Will you kindly allow me a little more of your valuable space to correct an editorial misconception of the "Plan of Campaign," as sketched in my letter of last week. To see ourselves as others see us is often a fearsome sight, and in your desire to be humorously critical you have credited me with ideas I never saw before, and which I did not intend my letter to convey. Perhaps I was not sufficiently lucid, but I distinctly said the "Association's laboratories," not the Pharmaceutical Society's. Apparently connecting the scheme at all with the Society was its weak point. I expected, and even hoped, to be cauterised in your Correspondence columns. I fear your comments will deter any who may see a shade of feasibility in my suggestion from expressing their opinions. From personal experience and the perusal of many letters in your columns, I judge that the benighted vision of ohemists leads them to reverse your dictum and say, "Bloomsoury Square simply sits still while chemists undertake the troublesome detail of supporting it." This is not, however, exactly what I make out, and although I have lapsed into the gratuitous weakness of "writing to the papers," I have not reached such a stage of doddering imbecility as to expect Blooms-

bury Square to make my living for me. Many years ago I saw some manuscripts in the handwriting of one of the most famous chemists of the early part of the century; these manuscripts displayed an enormous amount of thought and research, and they were all connected with the production of an infants' food. This was not in my mind when I wrote my "Plan of Campaigo," nor has it ever occurred to me that Messrs. Dunstan and Dymond would descend to such investigations as occupied the mind of a chemist called Justus von Liebig. Thanks for your amusing banter; it taught me much, and while I learnt I laughed, but, reluctantly dropping my fancy for the benign smile of the Pharmaccutical Society, I am not yet convinced that my scheme is utterly foolish and ridiculous.

September 3.

Molecule. (107/32.)

SIR,—I cordially agree with the suggestions of "Molecule," and hope that he will not be discouraged by the playful remarks in your Editorial Comments on "Plans of Campaign," but rather stimulated to further effort. Similar ideas have been in my mind for months past—in fact, so closely do his opinions correspond with my own in most respects, that some chemists with whom I have conversed on the subject would be inclined to credit me with writing the letter.

One point he has not noticed which should not be lost sight of—namely, that the loss of public confidence from which the chemist of to-day suffers is, to a large extent, due to the offensive and contemptuous manner in which many of the patent-medicine manufacturers, in advertising their goods, caution the public against purchasing spurious imitations offered by unprincipled vendors.

I would suggest that the plan he has sketched could be better carried into operation as a limited liability concern than as a branch of the Pharmaceutical Society. Any undertaking of the kind would have the moral support of the Society, and probably the active assistance of some of its most prominent members, but it would have a greater chance

of success if worked by a separate body.

Fancy a series of proprietary articles—sound preparations and fair value—advertised by the Association and simultaneously pushed by 25 per cent. of the chemists (themselves the joint propriecors) in the United Kingdom, and offered at the same price everywhere! Could the medicines fail to sell? If a company with such objects in vicw were formed I would subscribe to the share capital. Some of "Lymph's" proposals, such as the supplying of drugs and sundries to shareholders, could be advantageously worked in—not, of course, his scheme for devoting a portion of the profits to founding a fund for opposing the action of the Inland Revenue authorities. That would be in the last degree impolitic. Such action, though at times irritating, is in the main salutary, and helps make us sharp.

Yours faithfully,
E. LOVELY.

#### A New Method for the Estimation of Grape Sugar.

SIR,—Permit me to correct an error into which I inadvertently fell in communicating to your representative the formulæ for the above test. Formula No. 1 should read 69 30 grms. of copper sulphate instead of 34 65 grms., or just double the amount.

The error arose through supposing that taking half the water (500 c.c.) used in making 1,000 c.c. of Fehling's solution and dissolving in it the 34 65 grms. of copper sulphate was the same thing as doubling the copper salt. A little reflection, however, soon makes it evident that such is not the case, for the 500 of product has to be diluted with a further 500 of the alkaline solutions, which reduces it at once to the ordinary strength of Fehling's solution. I am sorry to have made this slip, and hope it has not misled any

sorry to have made this slip, and hope it has not no of your subscribers.

I remain, dear Sir,
Yours truly,

A. W. GERRARD.

North London or University College Hospital, London, W.C., Sept. 7.

#### The Irish Examiner in Pharmacy.

SIR,—A fortnight ago a query appeared in your journal, over the signature "M.P.S.I.," asking the Registrar of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland whether he had

accepted an application for the post of examiner from Mr. T. W. Robinson whilst that gentleman was still Vice-President

of the Society.

Your last issue did not contain the required information from Mr. Ferrall, but Mr. McCormack, ignoring the real question at issue, writes to say "it did not matter so long as his letter of resignation was on the agenda, also his application for examiner."

It seems to have escaped Mr. McCormack's usually acute understanding that a man cannot legally have his application for an office and his resignation of a position incompatible with that office on the same agenda-paper, as the application may not be received or considered until the resignation is formally accepted.

I contend that this admirable rule, which provides that members of Council shall not be eligible for election as examiners, was expressly framed to prevent such appointments as that of Mr. Robinson. In order to preserve the reputation of the Society, the confidence of the public, and the respect of the profession, it is essential that a person elected examiner shall be one about whose qualifications there can be no question, and whose selection is due rather to the super-eminence of his abilities than the partiality of his colleagues.

There seems to be a strange reticence about giving the names of the seven other candidates for the post for which Mr. Robinson was, we are told, unanimously chosen. Can Mr. Ferrall see any objection to letting members know who are these gentlemen who were so completely eclipsed by the effulgence of that "practical knowledge of pharmacy" which Mr. McCormack claims for his friend Mr. Robinson?

19 North Earl Street, Dablin, September 3. Yours sincerely, JAMES C. MCWALTER.

#### The Irish Council Election.

108/33. "One Who Knows" writes to point out that the representatives of certain wholesale firms in Dublin and Belfast [who, we presume, are candidates for election] are seeking the votes of nawary chemists and druggists for their own purposes. This is an accusation which might be levelled at most candidates in most elections; and as our correspondent does not give us the names of the persons whom he is accusing, we must decline to print his letter. For the benefit of unwary chemists and druggists, however, we may say that the pith of it is that these wholesale druggists who now pose as the representatives and champions of the druggists really injured the legitimate ones by creating, under the 1890 Act, by the inducements of their travellers, a considerable number out of publicans, provision-dealers, and other traders. If wholesalers are preferable to retailers, "One Who Knows" is able to point ont at least half-a-dozen genuine wholesale drug houses in Dublin alone from which to pick candidates. He further relates that "when lately visiting a friend in a large country town, he required some Rochelle salts, and called at one of the newly registered druggists' for it, but found they did not know of the existence of such a thing. The 'drug' assistant was busy sorting pigs' cheeks out of a barrel, and the same roof covered a public-house or general grog-shop."

#### Water analysis.

SIR,-I must apologise for again trespassing on your space, but Mr. Wanklyn's letter in your last issne calls for some reply. I thank him for his conrteous reply to my letter, but must remind him that 1876 is not 1892, and that Dr. Frankland's process is by no means universally rejected now. Why, the weekly reports on the metropolitan water-snpply entail about 2,500 combustions annually. In my laboratory we perform about 1,200, not to mention many other chemists' work. No doubt the permanganate method does measure the albnminoid matter of germs, but it certainly does also measure varying amounts of nitrogen from all other sources. I cannot accept the statement that Frankland's process does not give an estimation of the true amount of nitrogen and carbon present, or, at least, so near the truth as to fall within the limits of careful experimental error, and I fear that although Mr. Wanklyn has demonstrated the impossibility of this to his own satisfaction, he has not done very many of us. In conclusion, I only have to say the only one process can be employed I should prefer to Wanklyn's: the drawback to the combustion process is the sources of error are certainly many, and it will yield accurate results in the hands of a careful manipu Yours, &c.,

10 Ascham Street.

ERNEST J. PARI

#### The Cholera-mixture.

SIR,-In your last issne you gave the Board of H formula for diarrhoa mixture. I find you give P. aromat. "Sqnire's Companion" states "pulv. aromat understand latter to be synonymons with pulv. cin comp. Which is the correct formula?

September 6.

JACQUE. (109/6

[We have never seen the mixture made with anything than pulv. cretæ aromat., and we should think that is con as the prescription was first published when that comp powder was known as "pulv. aromat." It was so originally, but we generally give the modern title to powder in this connection.—ED. C. & D]

#### Another Explosion.

What is there in this Lamplough's salt To "go" without a warning?
I put the bottle ready wrapped To send away this morning. The squire declared for headache "It's the only stuff" he trusted. It's really most provoking
That it has gone and "busted."

Salop.

PILL-DRIVE

#### It Pays to Read the Trade Reports.

A subscriber (103/57) writes from Bnrton-on-Trer "Your occasional quotations of bird-seed (canary, hemp, would be a greater help if they appeared regularly. Thre THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST I was enabled to bny can seed at 36s. per qr., its very lowest. My harvest is now thanks to you."

Country Chemists' Charges.

SIR,-I had the following prescription to dispense week:-

Lin. bellador. .. 3j. Lin. chloroform. .. .. Lin. opii .. M. Fc. liniment.

When I handed it to my customer he told me he had o had it made up at a chemist's in a neighbouring town always paid 8d. for it, including bottle. I thought I charging a very moderate price—viz, 1s. 6d. (as he see a poor man). I should be glad to know if it is usual to methylated liniments for dispensing.

Yours faithfully. A PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST. (100/69

#### DISPENSING NOTES

The opinions of practical readers are invited on subjects discussed under this heading.

#### Zinc chloride Injection

96/31. Dum Spiro Fumo wishes to know what appears this injection should present :-

> Zinci chloridi ... gr. iv. Aq. ad .. .. gviij. Ft. inject.

He says certain dispensers send it out clear by using hydrochlor. Others filter it, and others, again, send it with the sediment and a shake-the-bottle label.

[This query ought to produce useful discussion, so as to result in uniformity in appearance. Of course, distilled water should be used. We think the correct method would be to dispense as written; at any rate, an indication should be noted on the prescription if any variation be made.

The use of acid in certain cases has much to commend it, and should it have been a strong solution—say, about 40 grains to the ounce, sometimes prescribed for its caustic and antiseptic effect—the prescriber might be asked to

sanction the addition of acid.

As to filtering, if it be wrong to add to a prescription, it is still worse to take from it any ingredient which may have a possible therapeutic effect; but it may be noted that in this case the chloride is supposed to react with water somewhat in the following way:—

 $2ZnC_{2}^{1} + H_{2}O = Zr_{2}OC_{2}^{1} + 2HC_{1}$ .

If this does take place it is only to a very limited extent.]

#### A Translation.

96/38. W. H.—Your Italian prescription reads thus:—

- 1				-	-			
						G	rammes	
	Tinct. iodin.			••	••	••	10	
	Glycerini		••			• •	10	
For exter	nal use.							
						G	rammes	
	Polygala virgi:	nica (	senega	ı)	• •		5	
Make a de	ecoction, strain	to 125	gram	mes.	Add—			
						G:	rammes	
	Tinct. cinchons	е		••		• •	10	
	Aq. flor. aurant			••	••		25	
	Potass. acetat.	•••	• •		***	••	5	
M.	Ft. mist.							
Malan a fai	1.1	42				70		

Take a tablespoonful every three hours. [Assume 30 grammes = 1 oz.]

#### Copaiba and Magnesia Pills.

98/52. Puzzled writes:—Would any of your readers say how these pills ought to be dispensed?—

	Balsam copaibæ			••	 m 228
	Magn. carbonatis	••	••		 gr. xviij.
ſ.	Ft. mass, et divid.	in pil.	66.		

[Use calcined magnesia rather than the carbonate, and, if time be an object, use 30 instead of 18 grains. Mix, and set aside for a few hours until the mass assumes a suitable consistence. The smaller the quantity of magnesia used the longer will it take. In the quantities given it would take fully twenty-four hours.]

#### Pil. Hydrarg. Subchlor. Co.

101/51. Aloin has made a batch of these pills recently, and finds that in the course of a few days they have become blue on the outside, while they retain their usual red colour inwardly. He wishes to know what chemical change has taken place? We should judge the change of colour was due to oxidation of the guaiacum resin; were they massed with 'castor oil as ordered in the Pharmacopeia, or was any powder containing sugar or starch used to roll them in?

#### An Explosive Mixture.

SIR,—A short time ago the following prescription was banded in:—

Sodii biborat.		••		 	3iv.
Hydratis chlora	t.				5ij.
Atropinæ				 	gr. iv.
Spt. vini rect.			••	 	ξj.
Aq. sambuci ad				 ••	3xij.
Ft. lotio.					

It was duly sent out, and after two very hot days the customer returned with the bottle broken saying it had not been required and been placed on one side, but had in the evening burst with considerable violence, and wished to know the reason. The only explanation I could give was that chloroform had been formed by the action of borax on

chloral and the strong heat had caused this to burst the bottle—was this correct?

J. F. K. (108/15.)

[That is very probably the explanation. Sometimes aqua sambuci ferments, but it is unlikely that it would in the presence of antiseptics like chloral and borax.]

#### An Effervescing Mixture.

SIR,—Will you kindly say how the following prescription should be dispensed?—

	Magnes. sulph.			••	••	-	3j.
	Pot. bromidi		••	••		••	3ij.
	Tr. aurant		••	••		• •	3ij.
	Liq. sacch	••	• •	••		••	3ij.
	Sol. sal. efferves.	ad	• •	• •		• •	žviij.
M.	3j. t.d.s.						

J. H. M. (76/43.)

[Send the sodium bicarbonate of the usual saline mixture in powders.]

#### Bismuth and Tragacanth Mixture.

103/69. Devon dispensed the following prescription, which was returned in a few days as a solid glutinous mass, and he has noted in the "Art of Dispensing" that pulv. tragacanth. co. is generally free from this objection. He wishes an explanation, and to know whether by using blamuth, carb. he could prevent it becoming so thick:—

Bismuth.	subnit.	••		••		3iss.
Pulv. trag	gacanth.	co.		••		3ij.
Liq. morp	h. hydro	chlor.		• •	••	5ss.
Ac. hydro	cyan. dil					3ss.
Spt. chlor	of	••	••		• •	3j.
Aq. ad	••		• •	• •	••	žviij.
t. mist.						

[We have never noted this thickening to so great an extent, and fail to reproduce a mixture like "Devon's." Of course, if made up with hot water so as to rupture the starchgranules, it would be glutinous; or if, as is possible, the customer had thoughtlessly put the bottle in a warm place or in warm water, the same thing might occur. After making up the mixture we heated some of it, when it became quite a jelly. It has frequently been pointed out that bismuth mixtures made up with gums become slimy. How far the free nitric acid of bismuth subnitrate affects this has not been determined, and we should think that the property of heavy powders of removing amorphous substances from solution has more to do with the sliminess.]

#### LEGAL QUERIES.

Consult Alpe's "Handy-book of Medicine-stamp Duty" in regard to patent medicine questions.

General information regarding the laws affecting chemists and draggists is printed in The Chemists' AND DRUGGISTS' DIARY, 1892, pp. 161-5.

For stamp duties, licences, Customs regulations, &c., see the DIARY, pp. 161-9.

104/56. W. F.—The prescription of a medical man would not justify you in selling a preparation made with methylated spirit which you might not sell otherwise. The particular solution you name would not be likely to be allowed. At least, you should not supply it unless you had the consent of the Board.

106/49. Perplexed.—You are not correct in stating that the action against your unqualified assistant for selling poison, brought by the Pharmaceutical Society, is "an unheard-of proceeding." Since the liability was established in the High Court in the case of the Pharmaceutical Society v. Wheeldon, in 1890, penalties have been recovered from unqualified assistants in a considerable number of cases. You will have a fair defence if you can satisfy the Court that you were in the shop at the time the sale of the poison was made—that is, if you can show that in any sense you supervised the sale. It would be no defence to show that while the Pharmaceutical Council have been prosecuting

others, one of its own members was carrying on branch shops under the management of unqualified assistants; but it would be a proper thing to bring such a fact to the knowledge of the Court. We do not know if this conduct is still continued. The comments you ask for will be found in the issues of this journal on July 25, August 15, and November 14, 1891. If the case is proved against the assistant, the Judge has no power to reduce the penalty.

106/2. Cymro.—The articles you name, being preparations of corrosive sublimate, are, of course, poisons within the meaning of the Pharmacy Act.

108/45. In Doubt.—Chlorodyne, whether sold in large or small quantities, requires a poison-label. The question whether the name of the article or the name of the poison must appear is discussed in an Editorial Note. You may sell benzine in small quantities provided that you do not keep more than 3 gallons in all in stock, and that you keep that in separate glass, carthenware, or metal vessels, in quantities of not more than a pint in each, and each vessel securely stopped. There are no legal restrictions on the sale of bitter apple.

107/48. Vinegar.—We replied to a question similar to yours on September 5, 1891. There is a general order of the Board of Inland Revenue, dated June 26, 1889, providing that "the preparation of acetic acid for sale as vinegar by any means other than mere dilution with water, renders a vinegar-maker's licence necessary." This order is, so far as it goes, evidence of the recognition of the practice. But we do not think it goes very far. If you sell as "whitewine vinegar" a dilute pyroligneous acid, you should, we think, be liable to a fine under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act. The case would be less strong if you sold the article merely as "white vinegar."

109/21. One in Doubt.—The liability of your effervescent saline to medicine-stamp duty depends, in the view of the Board of Inland Revenue, on its composition. If it is made "the vehicle for the administration of doses of a medicinal drug upon the presence of which the character of the preparation mainly depends," the label you send would render it liable (see Alpe's "Handy Book," page 107).

109/29. J. P.—The liability of Gregory's powder to medicine stamp duty depends on what is said on the label. In Alpe's "Handy Book," pages 74 and 75, specimens of liable and non-liable labels are given. The liable one recommends the medicine in cases of indigestion, &c. The name of the preparation being in the possessive case does not, in this instance, involve liability, because the formula is in the Pharmacopæia.

109/28. A. J. N.—"Blank's Corn-solvent" would render the preparation liable to medicine-stamp duty, Liability may or may not be incurred by the directions. This is explained in Alpe's "Handy Book," page 92.

109/57. Radix.—Your label undoubtedly renders the mixture liable to medicine-stamp duty.

#### MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

Inquirers will please read the "Memoranda for Correspondents."

A list of "Books for Chemists" is given in THE CHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTO DIARY, p. 317.

For all particulars regarding Educational and Examinational matters refer to our issue of September 19, 1891.

Replies to queries are inserted according to the space open in any week, and insertion on any specific date cannot be guaranteed.

Back numbers of our weekly issue, containing formula, &c., occasionally referred to in answers, can be obtained from the Publisher at 4d. each.

107/73. Ferrum.—To Etch on Steel, the metal is covered with parafin wax, the design made upon that, and the steel then dipped in dilute sulphuric acid.

101/10. Smelling-bottle wishes to know how to cure prevent the Development of a Mousey Odour in smelli bottles perfumed with lavender. He has used both lavend water and oil of lavender, and various samples of ammo and ammoniated alcohol. [We have never noticed the od complained of: we should suggest the use of transluc ammonia and the addition of otto of rose or of rose-gerani oil to the perfume.]

104/23. C. F. S.—To render Drawing paper Temporar Transparent you might try moistening it with a mixture 1 part of linseed oil to 7 parts of turpentine or a solution white of egg in water.

102/17. A. S.—We should recommend you to increate quantity of carbolic acid in your tooth-powder 6 drachms, to reduce the white soap to 1 oz., and to ke the powder for some time in a wide-mouthed bottle or before putting up in boxes. You should also reduce quantity of otto of rose to, say, 15 minims.

103/63. I. W. C.—As gum acacia is insoluble in spiri wine—is, in fact, precipitated from solution in water by addition of spirit—we cannot give you a formula for solution in spirit suitable for using upon musical insments.

102/66. J. L.—Experience in regard to the irritariature of Methylated Iodine Liniment is by no mean isolated as you indicate—French and American, as well English workers, having independently corroborated MacEwan. Your own observation, that "in some eighnine shops in different parts of England and Scotland, can only remember two samples which gave the irritate compounds," is very interesting.

104/53. *T. C. L.*—Oil of rhodium is very commonly to by rat-catchers as an attraction, but whether it is used not at Ballarat we cannot say. The tales about the feater rat-catchers should be taken *cum grano salis*.

104/48. Acid. Tart.—A weak brine—say, 2 oz. of sal the pint of water—will keep Peas Green in Bottle. may add a drachm of boric acid to the pint of preserv solution.

104/65. W. McI.—Sulphur Pastilles for Fuming.—See THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, June 6, 19 page 812.

103/32. Inquirer.—The information will be found in Educational number.

98/57. Heliotrope.—You should have repeated your quion. We do not remember it.

105/46. Radix.—See reply to "Heliotrope."

105/29. Cetaceum.—We must decline to make the ana you ask for. It could not be of general interest.

103/11. Ajax. - For Creme d'Amandes see THE CHER AND DRUGGIST; June 18, 1892, page 884.

108/20. Yorkshireman.—We cannot make room for correspondence such as you suggest, especially as, if it can it would be too much of the nature of advertisement. will find plenty of field for development if you will stour advertisements.

108/31. A. B.—We do not think it is quite fair to assist in the spoliation of makers of medicinal specialities by publishing formulæ for the imitation of their products.

106/15. H. M. S.—We think a good many platitudes and some sham sentiments are written and spoken about "cram"; but your defence of it on the ground that youths who want to qualify cannot afford to get a sound education is not good enough for publication in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST. Such youths should get into some other husiness as fast as they can. And do you think it is quite manly to plead for "more scholarships"? On what ground do you demand that we, who are working for our own living, should go out of our way to provide funds to assist in the production of a superfluity of rivals?

108/15. J. F. K.—Milk of Magnesia.—We are not aware of any United States preparation which goes by this name. Probably Dalby's carminative is meant.

109/26. Student of Irish Society.—Letters written "in haste; please excuse blunders," letters written on both sides of the paper, and letters which only repeat what has been conveyed before, are not very likely to get inserted.

108/58. Omega.—Outdoor apprentices are generally taken for not less than three, and for not more than four, years. It is not usual to get a premium with them. For your other question refer back to Legal replies and Editorial, August 20 and 27.

100/33. Foot-rot.—We should not like to recommend Nitric Acid in Foot-rot. Have you tried your customer with solution of chloride of antimony or acid solution of nitrate of mercury ?

103/74. F. A. B. thinks the B.P. process for Estimating Tincture of Opium "is rather too much trouble for a person in husiness who has not much spare time." Perhaps it is, so try the following modification of Mr. F. W. Fletcher's process (The Chemist and Druggist, xxxiv. page 239):— Take zviiss. (about 400 fl. grains) of the tincture, and evaporate to ahout half the original hulk. To this add ammonia in excess and zij. of acetic ether and ether (mixed), shake well, and after settling separate the etherial layer. This contains all the alkaloids and a portion of the colouringmatter, and on evaporation on a water-hath the residue should weigh not less than  $4\frac{1}{9}$  grains. The result will indicate the value of the tincture, and the morphia strength may be taken by inference.

98/74. Wilts.—To render your Essence of Ginger, fortified with gingerin, serviceable as a soluhle essence for aërated waters your easiest and simplest way is to make a solution of chloride of calcium (1 to 12) with water to ahout half the bulk of essence, and a solution of phosphate of soda (1 to 8) in the same quantity of water. Add first about half the calcium solution, then half the soda solution; allow the precipitate of phosphate of calcium to subside. Try a few drops of your clear essence in water; if it still clouds, then repeat the process with further quantities of the solutions until you obtain an essence which does not hecome opaque in water. This process takes out the resin. Of course it will he much weaker, but may he fortified hy the addition of an essence of cayenne, prepared in the same manner.

107/27. Alvin.—(1) Solution of Mastic for teeth-stopping is made by dissolving a drachm of powdered mastic in an ounce of ether. (2) Mercury Amalgam.—Precipitate copper from a solution of copper sulphate with clean bright iron; wash the precipitate and, under hot water, combine with it about its own weight of mercury. Keep this under water, and, when required, warm in the water and squeeze out the surplus of mercury.

100/6. Black Art.-Formula for Plain Collodion for iodising:-

Iodisers to every 1 oz. of plain collodion:-

The above formulæ are for negative work.

108/4. Zylobalsam.—We expect that your cochineal is the cause of the precipitation in the mixture. Better colour with tincture of cochineal, then you may filter with impunity.

108/5. Alpha.—The label for the Gout and Rheumatic Pills of last week should he "one twice a day immediately before food." Colchicum can he pushed too far—in fact, it is advisable that persons taking it should also take a laxative pill at bedtime twice a week.

108/13. F.—(1) Lemon flavour, we presume for culinary purposes.—Oil of lemon, 1 oz.; rectified spirit, 9 oz.; carbonate of magnesia, \(\frac{1}{2}\) oz. Mix, and, after a day, filter. (2) Lemon-juice is best preserved by allowing it to ferment, whereby it is clarified; then add to each gallon a drachm of salicylic acid dissolved in an ounce of rectified spirit, and bottle. (3) Fresh Lemon-peel for making the tincture is sent out in shreds 1 inch long and about \(\frac{1}{12}\) inch thick. (4) Tincture of lemon is made with proof spirit because rectified spirit hardens the fresh peel, and the weaker spirit extracts the aroma better.

107/38. Amos Malory (New London).—The book is out of print, and an enlarged work, "Pharmacographia Indica," by the late Dr. Dymock, Snrgeon-Major Warden, and Mr. David Hooper, is now in ccurse of publication by Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co. (Limited). The published price has not transpired, but we should think it is about 31. for the three volumes.

105/72. Sigma.—(1) Spirit (or Extract) of Ylang-Ylang is made by dissolving 3 drachms of the oil in a pint of rectified spirit. (2) Marechale Bouquet:—

Oil of cloves mx. " sandalwood mx. Essence of musk .. 7 i. ambergris .. .. Ξj. Spirit of neroli .. • • 3ii. Tincture of tonka žij. Essence of vanilla ξij. Tincture of orris root .. žij. Spirit of vetivert .. ãij. rose .. ãi⊽. Orange-flower extrait .. ãi√.

You will find directions for making most of these spirits, essences, &c., in the 1891 DIARY.

105/48. Ammonia.—When strong solution of ammonia is mixed with water, the volume increases. The expansion is about 0.5 per cent.

106/30. Foam.—Heading for Beer is made with quillaia or senega, preferably the former,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  oz. to the pint of weak spirit (S.V.R. 1 and water 2), with the addition of a drachm of solution of ammonia.

109/24. Hastings—In performing Esbach's Albumintest, the solution used is one of picric acid 10 grammes, and citric acid 20 grammes, in a litre of water. Urine is poured into the tube up to the point U, and the test-solution up to R. If the precipitate does not settle in the twenty-four hours, perhaps the urine is alkaline; if, so, it should be acidified with acetic acid in the first instance, or if albumen is very abundant, dilute the urine with an equal quantity of water, and multiply the result by 2.

109/23. Papier.—Parchment-paper is made by immersing unsized paper in sulphuric acid (1-3), afterwards in an alkali-bath, and, when washed, calendering it.

101/29. R Forde.—Standard Soap solution for Wateranalysis.—Triturate 150 parts of lead-plaster in a mortar with 40 parts of dry potassium carbonate, and make into a cream with rectified spirit. After some time, filter, washing the filter with spirit, and add as much water to the filter as would make it of proof spirit strength. It is now to be tested with the standard calcium-chloride solution (pure calcium carbonate 8 grains, dissolved in bydrochloric acid q.s., evaporated to dryness, the residue dissolved in 16 oz. of water, and this, diluted to a gallon, makes a water of 8° hardness), and diluted until 180 grain-measures give a permanent lather with 1,000 grain-measures of the 8° water.

#### Information Supplied.

99/37. Papier Fayard. Gout Paper.—Euphorbium 3 drachms, cantharides 6 drachms, powdered and digested with 4 cz alcohol, and 3 drachms Venice turpentine added to the strained tincture. Fine paper is dipped into it and dried in the air. Mohr directs 4 drachms of cantharides and 1 drachm euphorbium to be digested in 5 oz of highly rectified spirit; filter, and add 1½ oz. Venice turpentine, previously liquefied with 2 cz. of resin. To be spread on the paper while warm. I quote from Beasley.

J. F. Brown.

The label "Papier Fayard et Blayn papier chimique du Codex" is a sufficient explanation. In the expired patent (patents on medicinal compounds, &c., were forbidden in France by a law of 1844) the following is the process given:—
The paper is first rendered waterproof in the following manner:—Linseed oil, 500; garlic, chopped fine, 30; turpentine, £00; acetate of lead, 50; yellow ochre, 30; red lead, 15. The garlic is boiled with the oil, and stirred continuously. It is then strained, and the other substances added. The resulting preparation is then spread on tissue paper, either with a sponge or a broad camel-hair pencil, such as is used by gilders, and allowed to dry at the ordinary temperature or in a heated room for about a fortnight, the paper being hung on sticks to allow free passage of air. The acetate of lead, yellow ochre, and red lead may be replaced by well-lixiviated red ochre and litharge, rubbed down with oil. When the paper is dry enough the following mixture is spread on:—

Heat the oil in a capacious vessel until the vapours commence to rise, add the red lead, stirring continually with a long spatula. After the action has completely ceased remove from the fire, add the wax without ceasing to stir even after it be melted. It is necessary that a whitish froth should form, and no more; the plaster should be neither too soft nor too hard and grainy.

This paper is recommended for pains, burns, and corns. C. B. G. (109/15.)

The original specification for "Papier Fayard" was:—Linseed oil, 500; garlic. 50; turpentine, 400; acetare of lead, 50; yellow ochre, 30; red lead, 15. This mixture after boiling the ingredients, spread on paper, and dried during fifteen days. The "papier chimique" of the Codex Français is a similar preparation, and probably imitated from the original Papier Fayad et Blayn.

Verite. (109/25)

98/60. Spirit Cagliari.—It is possible that the eau hem statique Pagliari is understood by this. Formula:—

| Parts | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 250 | 25

VERITE. (109/25.) T. M. C. (109/90.)

? Spirit cochlearæ.

Acetum Scillæ.—In connection with the note which verified the print elsewhere, we have to acknowledge postcards from the following: Messrs. H. D. Kelf (Reading), A. Stooke (Sitting bourne), J. W. Holmes (Retford), H. Barton, E. Yates (Machester), S. Ward (Batley Carr), A. F. Brookes (Birkenhead and anonymous correspondents.

#### EMETINE ESTIMATION.

MR. G. KOTTMAYER, in a critical article on this subjet in the Pharmaccutische Post (Nos. 24 and 25) comments adversely upoa Flückiger's process for the extractic of emetine from ipecacuanha-root, showing that the chloroform residue is not exclusively emetine, and that the druis by no means completely extracted. Other similar processes are also referred to, especially Kremel's, in which mixture of lime and powdered ipecacuanha, after treatment with water and drying, is extracted with chloroform. The alkaloidal residue from this contains "resin"—i.e., a substance insoluble in dilute hydrochloric acid. This was found to be the objection to all known processes, and it necessary to make a correction for the amount of insolub matter thus retained with the alkaloid. Lloyd's ferrich ydroxide method of assay shares the same objection, the author remarking that it gave but slight satisfaction. Enthought, however, that the principle of fixing the organicacids and colouring-matter of the ipecacuanha with a heav metal a good one, and, in order to determine the emetic value of samples of the Rio, Singapore, and Carthagen roots, he devised the following method:—

Fifteen grammes of the powdered root was macerate in 148 c.c. of rectified spirit and 2 c.c. of hydrochloric aci (sg. 1·12) for four days at 40° C. Then 100 c.c. of the clear tincture was pipetted off, 20 c.c. of alcoholic lead acetate solution (1 in 10 of proof spirit) and 1·5 gramme of slaked lime added, and the mixture evaporated on a water bath to a syrupy consistence; 5 grammes of powdered glass was then added, and the whole evaporated to dryness an powdered. The powder was then extracted with chloroform for ten hours, by which time no more alkaloid was remove by the solvent. The chloroform, on evaporation, left brownish-yellow substance, which was weighed, the alkaloi extracted with 2 c.c. of normal sulphuric acid, and the insoluble portion collected, dried, and weighed, the difference giving the actual amount of emetine. The following result are interesting:—

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Emetine ... .. 0.93=2.22 per cent.
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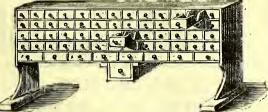
Cartagena Ipecacuanha.

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Emetine .. .. 0.160=1.81 per cent.

We quote these results more as showing the necessity of washing the chloroform extract than for comparison of the different kinds of ipecacuanha. On the latter point it may be desirable to have corroborative work.

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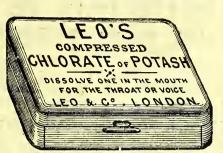
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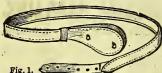
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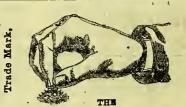
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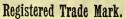
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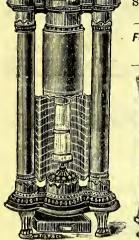
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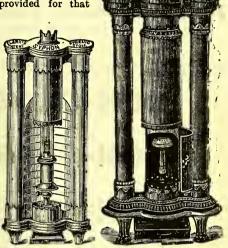
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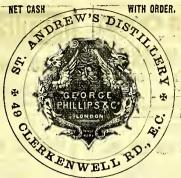
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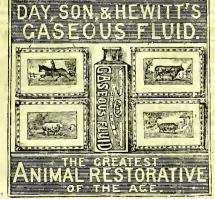
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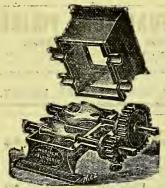
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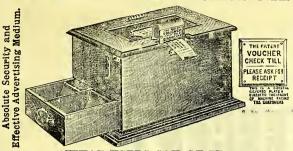
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